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PM: I, not Levy, will lead peace process DAVID MAKOVSKY

PRIME Minister Binyamin Netanyahu asserted his primacy over the peace process - and an angry Foreign Minister David Levy - last night, saying he was given a mandate through direct elections to lead the process.

In an interview with Channel 2 last night, Netanyahu said he would continue to direct the negotiations. "Israel has only one prime minister," he said.

The premier also defended the exclusion of security officers from consultations on peace process issues. Netanyahu said the various security branches must offer their own intelligence assessments, but they should not have a policy role, as they did during the Labor government.

"I told them I don't want them in the peace process," he said.

At the same time, noweve Netanyahu sharply criticized Foreign Affairs and Defense Comminee chairman MK Uzi Landau who accused the army officers involved in peace negotiations of being "puppers" of Labor.

There were unconfirmed reports last night that for the third time in two months. Levy was considering resigning. Levy held phone conversations yesterday with his political ally. National Infrastructure Minister Ariel Sharon.

Channel 1 reported last night that Levy was holed up in his Beit She an home and was refusing to attend a cabinet meeting today.

The immediate issue is whether Levy will head a steering committee on negotiating with the Palestinians. Netanyahu's remarks left little doubt that the head of this committee would be someone he trusted, but he denied reports he had decided to give the position to Cabinet Secretary Danny Naveh.

Netanyahu's remarks came after Foreign Ministry officials, and reportedly Levy himself, complained that the Prime Minister's Office was keeping them out of the peace process. Levy canceled a weekly lunch scheduled yesterday with the premier.

In separate interviews on Channels 1 and 2 last night. Nemnyahu offered Levy a partnership," hut made clear that he, as premier, would lead.

Officials in the Prime Minister's Office insisted the premier has sought to keep Levy abreast of developments by a variety of means, namely lunches, regular phone calls, and inviting Levy to consultations with Defense Minister Yitzhak Mordechai and other ministers.

These officials insist that despite Levy's complaints, he has been privy to all major developments, including the "Lebanon first" initiative and Netanyahu's secret trip to London almost two weeks ago to meet with Jordan's King Hussein.

Apart from the steering committee dealing with Palestinians, the Foreign Ministry has other complaints. Apart from the resident ambassador, no Foreign Ministry representative accompanied the premier to Egypt or Jordan. But this often occurred during the Labor government, as well.

Foreign Ministry officials also fear that there is an intention to set up a "mini-Foreign Ministry"

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Syria rejects *'Lebanon'* first' talks

News agencies

SYRIA yesterday rejected Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu's offer to resume peace talks on a "Lebanon first" basis, saying his proposal was only sweet-talk that has nothing to do with peacemak-

The official daily Tishreen said Netanyahu wanted the negotia-listing discuss Israel's tions to mainly discuss Israel's security problem in south Lebanon, but not the withdrawal

from the Golan Heights.

"This talk does not mean anything for the making of peace,"
Tishreen said. "It is mere nice words which are baseless. The issue is not the resumption of the negotiations but the essence of what the negotiations would deal

What kind of negotiations does Netanyahu want to resume while be still rejects withdrawal from the Golan and couples this rejection with the expansion of settlements and bringing more Jews to settle in the occupied Syrian lands?" it

Syrian Foreign Minister Farouk Shara told the cabinet's weekly session later yesterday that Netanyahu's government was still refusing to continue the peace process on the basis of the land-for-peace principle and UN reso-

"If Israel is serious about reviving the peace process, it is required to affirm its commitments and respect its pledges without any disguise," one official

quoted Shara as saying.

He did not specify which pledges Shara was referring to.

Tishreen reiterated that

Damascus was still committed to the peace process but urged Netanyahu to declare his readiness lo pull back from "occupied Arab

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Soldier killed in Lebanon

Netanyahu: We won't left IDF be used as punching bag

ARIEH O'SULLIVAN and DAVID MAKOVSKY

HIZBULLAH gunmen repeatedly shelled an IDF outpost in south Lebanon yesterday, killing an army medic as he raced to help two wounded soldiars.

The dead soldier was identified as Staff-Sgt. Tehauhu Aslan, 20, from the Circassian village of Kfar Kama in the Galilee. He is to be buried in his willage this morning at 10-00 in village this morning at 10:00 in a traditional Circassian funeral. The local council head has asked the IDF to allow all of the Circassian soldiers to attend the funeral.

Aslan is survived by his father, two brothers and a sister. He enlisted in the IDF's minority unit, in which both of his older brothers had served, and went on to complete a medic's course

Aslan is the 17th IDF soldier to be killed in Lebanon this year. Sixty-nine soldiers have been wounded.

"If Hizhullah fights us 've will fight Hizhullah," Prime Ainister Binyamin Netanyahu said. "If any-body is deluding himself into thinking that Israel or the IDF will be a punching bag for terrorists, he is mistaken.

Netanyahu did not specify what Israel's response would be, but said that it will be made manifestly evi-

Netanyahu expressed concern that if steps toward peace are not taken in south Lebanon there would be an "escalation," which he said would be bad for both Syria and Israel.

In an interview on Channel 1 last night, Netanyahu reiterated Israel's willingness to leave Lebanon if the violence stops, saying this would be in both Israel's and Syria's inter-

OC Northern Command Maj.-Gen. Amiram Levine said Iranian advisers are aiding Hizbullah in



Soldiers in the security zone fire at Hizbullah targets yesterday in response to shelling which killed an army medic (Yaron Kaminsky/Ha'aretz)

Lebanon. He also blamed Syria for They waged a lot of attempted allowing Hizbullah to rearm.

They waged a lot of attempted attacks. In more than five clashes

"[Hizbullah] is making efforts to get more efficient and sophisticated weapons,"Levine said.

Tknow Hizbullah is stocking the villages along the front with Katyushas, weapons and ammunition, with the Syrians' knowledge, so that if we attack them they won't need to resupply during battle," Levine said.

Solutions are complicated. This is a war. Hizbullah has been under pressure for the past few weeks. they suffered more than 10 killed," Levine said.

He said Hizbullah left its dead and wounded in the field and fled. "It is returning to its tactic of shooting from afar and we will have to deal with this," Levine said.

Levine told reporters the incident actually began on Monday when Hizbullah started shelling an IDF position near Bint Jibel with 120mm. mortars fired from near the village of near Braachit, east of

Kiryat Shmona. Two soldiers were wounded then, one seriously, and Aslan was involved in their rescue.

"This morning the barrage started again and we had two soldiers who were slightly wounded but who continued to function in their tank despite their wounds. The medic who tried to reach the force had taken cover in a bunker, but was killed outright when [the bunker] received a direct hit." Levine said. Sgt. Avinoam Talmon, one of the

I did was try to give them back what they were giving us," he said. The IDF and SLA artillery responded with a heavy barrage on suspected Hizbullah hideouts worth of the zone. There were no reports of casualties from the retaliatory

shelling.
Hizbullah gunmen also set off a roadside bomb near an IDF patrol wounded, told journalists from his as it passed near the fortified posibospital bed that he continued tion, SLA sources told Reuter.

fighting despite his wounds.
"I didn't know I was hit until I

started feeling pains. The first thing

Levy barely functioning as foreign minister

BACKGROUND DAVID MAKOVSKY

DAVID Levy is barely functioning in his position as foreign minister, a variety of sources say. He is avoiding diplomatic meetings and instead generally closets himself with a party crony during the few bours a day that he decides to visit his office.

It remains unclear if Levy is acting this way because he feels he is being circumvented with regard to the peace process, or whether the problem is larger. While Levy can contend that he is being ignored on this major issue and therefore bas little to do, the foreign minister is suppose to be involved in other matters as well. After all, Israel has ties with some 160 countries and maintains links with a variety of international organizations and multilateral forums.

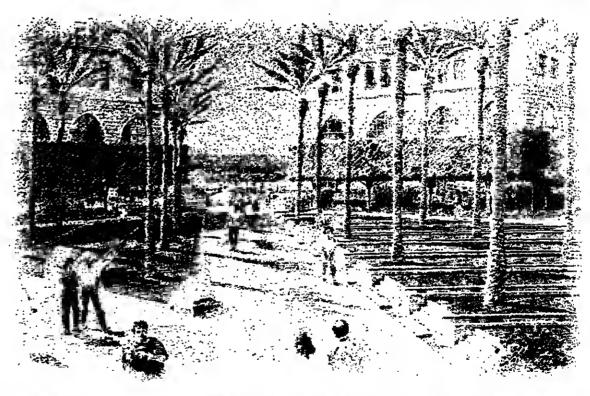
After being in the job for almost two months, Levy has yet to appoint a permanent director-general or a personal staff, including a diplomatic adviser. Levy has not yet resolved the clash between Eitan Bentsur, an experienced professional diplomat who has been named acting directorgeneral, and his own political aide, Ya'acov Bardugo, who covers the

With a virtual empty daily schedule, sources say Levy often spends the (Continued on Page 8)

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PA planning to take over eastern Jerusalem school

THE Palestinian Authority moved this week to take over a well-known Arab school in eastern Jerusalem long run by the Jordanian government, in apparent defiance of the government's attempt to enforce a ban on PA activity in the

The Dar El-Eitam School, with campuses in the Old City and Azzariya, was previously part of the Moslem Wakf school system that received financing from Amman.

School director Razi Jabari said he was informed earlier this week hy PA officials of their decision to take over the school, and was waiting for instructions from Amman on how to act.

PA sources said Jordan was not informed in advance of the move, and that this was expected to provoke a harsh response. Jabari said he understood that only the cam**BILL HUTMAN**

pus in Azariya, which is in a PA-controlled area just outside the city limits, was to come under the PA's authority. However, the PA sources said that both campuses were being brought under the auspices of the PA.

"This is part of the [peace] agreement, that we take over the schools in our areas," including eastern Jerusalem, said a PA official involved in issue, who asked not to be named. "Why should the Israelis care whether the Jordanians or us run the school?" he asked.

The Dar El-Eitam School - whose name in Arabic means "the orphanage," although it stopped only serving orphans long ago - is not the first in eastern Jerusalem to come under PA control. The previous government allowed the

PA to oversee private schools in eastern Jerusalem, and the new government has yet to take a stand on the issue. But Likud members, most nombly Jerusalem Mayor Ehud Olmert, have spoken out strongly against the PA's run-

ning schools in the city.

If the government does not block the takeover, it would mean that when the school opens next month, the PA Education and Religious Affairs Ministry supervisors will oversee the curriculum, and the PA, instead of Jordan, will pay the staff's salaries.

The Arab school system in eastern Jerusalem is divided into public schools, run hy the Israeli authorities; private schools largely run hy various Christian groups; and the Wakf schools, until now all overseen by the Jordanian ministries of the Wakf and Education.

Khader optimistic compromise will be reached over PA office flap

more pessimistic, saying little new came out of the meeting. In would continue operating the office in Beit Hanina if he suhmitthe past, Khader has openly denied the office he runs in his ted written assurances that he was not representing the PA. However, no other confirmation was availliving room is connected with the able about the report. PA. He says he receives Palestinian residents at his home in order to help them solve dis-

The proposed compromise would meet the government's demand there not be any PA activity in Jerusalem.

worked out wherehy Khader

Khader met Amit Glusgo, a senior adviser to Internal Security Minister Avigdor Kahalani, at the Hyatt Hotel in Jerusalem. A ministry spokesman confirmed the meeting took place, but declined to give any details.

On Monday, Khader received an order from Kahalani to close the office because it violates the Oslo

Khader said he was optimistic a compromise could be reached. the public in his home, as he did in the past," he added.

The attorney said Khader rejected his advice to take the government to the High Court over the issue. Instead, Khader chose to wait and see how police reacted to his continuing to receive residents, Qupty said.

The order was based on Israeli law and peace accord stipulations limiting PA activity in Jerusalem, but it has been brought into question hy many legal experts, who say it cannot he applied to Khader's makeshift, living room

"Until it becomes clear that Abdel Khader's home isn't being used simply for private meetings, we cannot say for sure whether it is an official PA office (which the government has the right to closel," Peace Watch researcher Ziv Hellman said.



Tracy Brown plants a tree in memory of her father, US commerce secretary Ron Brown, yesterday, as Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu, her brother Michael (center), and Jewish National Fund President Moshe Rivlin look on. The Israel-American Chamber of Commerce dedicated a grove of 4,000 trees in the Judean Hills to Brown, who died in a plane crash in Croatia in April.

SOCIAL & PERSONAL

A SENIOR Internal Security Ministry official met secretly with

Palestinian Authority Conncil member Hattern Abdel Khader

yesterday in an effort to work out

a compromise over the councilor's

Jerusalem office, which the gov-

"There are negotiations going oo to work this thing out," Khader

said yesterday. "There is a prob-

lem, and we both want to solve it."

that a compromise had been

Israel Radio reported last night

ernment wants closed.

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PA council: Suspend talks if settlements expand

THE Palestinian legislative council recommended yesterday that the executive council headed by Yasser Arafat "study the pos-sibility of suspending negotiations" with Israel if the government goes ahead with plans to expand settlements or takes other steps seen as obstructing the peace

Ministry sources, however, were

putes with Israeli and Palestinian

He and Glasgo may meet again

Police sources said the patrol

that was stationed outside

Khader's home had discovered

that no one was coming there on

Khader's lawyer, Mazen Qupty,

said his client received several

Jerusalem residents in the morn-

ing before leaving for the council

soon, perhaps even today, in an

effort to work out a deal.

official PA husiness.

meeting in Ramallah.

Speaker Ahmed Qreia said at the special meeting, beld in the Education Ministry building in Ramallah, that the key word was negotiations yet. "At this moment we don't want to stop but in future we may ask that they stop," he said.

Arafat himself described the decision to expand settlements as "a flagrant violation" of the Oslo accords and called on Israel to renew final-status talks.

Dr. Azmi Shuaibi, a former sports and youth minister, said that "we want to say that by his actions [Prime Minister Binyamin] Netanyahu has practically

stopped the peace process. His policy is clear now. He regards the settlements as being on the same level as Palestinian towns. He said that it was not fair that while Palestinians could build in their towns, setders could not build in their settlements. He forgets that settlers can build in Israel and Palestinians cannot."

Palestinians were also concerned by Netangahu saving he planned to study "in a few weeks," the IDF redeployment in Hebron, thus implying that the actual redeployment would take substantially longer and may involve changes to the agreement reached with the previous government.

Arafat persuaded the council to postpone to the afternoon a debate on human rights prompted by Mohammed Jumayal's death hy torture last week in a Nablus jail and the Tulkarm riot by Hamas supporters the fol-

Both the council and a committee appointed by Arafat are planning investigations, the first time that two Palestinian investigations into the same event have been ordered.

Local Government Minister Saeh Erekat described the death of Jumayal as a mistake, but not a symptom of general human rights abuse.

violations," Erakat said. "Personally I could not face my wife and daughters over what happened in Nablus. It is not really systematic. We are merely two years old. This mistake happened. We want to ensure this mistake will not be repeated." He recommended training programs in human rights for the police, sponsored by western countries.

Erekat, from Jericho, denied claims by human rights groups that seven men have

been tortured to death in Gaza and Jericho jails since the PA took control there in May 1994. He said the correct number was three, as the other four died from "natural causes."

While the responsibility of the Palestinian Police for Jumayal's killing has been acknowledged - three officers were quickly tried, convicted, and imprisoned - there has been no study of who gave orders to interrogate Jumayal and for what reason.

The death of Ibrahim Hudeideh, who was during the riot in Tulkarm on has generated talk of a conspiracy involving Israel to undermine the PA.

Tayeb Abdel-Raheem, secretary-general of the PA, who represents Tulkarm in the legislative council and is close to Arafat, said: "We have arrested three people who have connections with the Israelis and their purpose was to make trouble in Tulkarm, so that the Israelis could say the PA cannot handle security, and therefore give the army an excuse to enter Tulkarm."

Landau stands by accusation of IDF politization

MK UZI Landau (Likud), chair-man of the Knesset Foreign Affairs and Defense Committee, said yesterday he had not accused the whole IDF of politicization, hut only some officers and former officers. The supreme example, he said, is former chief of staff Ehud Barak, who became the Labor government's foreign minister

shortly after retiring from the IDF.
"I can't take back what I said," Landau said. "I didn't make the statements about all the officers, but about the group which is intervening in political affairs at unprecedented levels. There must be a complete differentiation between politics and the military. I'm sure the Likud government realizes this. And if there are any doubts, the Knesset Foreign Affairs and Defense Committee will ensure that the IDF is not involved in politics."

He suggested lengthening the cooling-off period IDF officers must complete before becoming politically active.

Landau refused to mention specific names other than Barak, but other right-wing MKs criticized Chief of General Staff Lt.-Gen. Lipkin-Shahak, OC Central Command Maj.-Gen. Uzi Dayan and former OC Central Command Ilan Biran for participating in talks with the Palestinians.

be disturbed.

Landau said it is important to hear the opinions of IDF commanders, but only as one voice among many and without any political overtones.

Landau originally made the

statements about the politicization during a Likud Party meeting Monday night. He accused some IDF senior officers of being yesmen for the previous government and acting like gamblers who nisked disproportionate sums of money to try and regain their orig-

Three Labor MKs - former committee chairman Haggai Merom, Haim Ramon and Dalia Itzik - and Meretz MK Ran Cohen called for Landau's resignation from the comminee chair. Former prime minister Shimon

Peres called Landau's statements haseless, unfounded and scandalous." Peres said the military is bound to the government and has to give its professional military opinion, but does not have to take responsibility for the results.

Barak said he had not taken the criticism personally and said the government was trying to roll the hlame onto the army to cover for its own lack of decisiveness.
Defense Minister Yitzhak

Mordechai (Likud), a recently retired major-general, issued a response rejecting Landau's criu-

Porush halts salvage dig in

Modi'in area to check for graves

cism and said the cabinet would determine how to carry out the agreements signed by the previous

government. He called on MKs and ministers to avoid involving the IDF command in political disputes and stressed that the professional opinion of the military must be heard, though it is the government which makes the decisions. He expressed confidence in the IDF and its commanders.

Meretz leader Yossi Sarid said the relationship between the political and military echelons had never been so bad.

The lack of confidence and suspicion which exists between the government and the IDF command weakens the army and endangers the state," Sarid said. MK Moshe Peled (Tsomer) supported Landau.

"In the past three years, the military's involvement in political matters has been far too great. Those who used the army as a flak jacket can't be surprised that it takes a political stand," he said, "You can't use army officers to carry out political negotiations."

MK Avraham Stem (National Religious Party) criticized politicians from all sides who involve IDF officers in political matters. He said Landau's statements "only

"Once they stop the archeologists from their

research, we lose our ability to study history, the ori-

gins of this country ... It affects our culture, our

knowledge of history, and the ability to live a nor-

mal life in this country," said Yoram Tsafrir, former head of the archeology department at Hebrew

Tsafrir said he expected many digs and construction

Yossi Levy, an archeologist with the Antiquities

projects to be halted in the future because "in every

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DEPUTY Housing Minister Meir Porush yesterday sent home archeologists who had been working on a

salvage dig in the Modi'in area, saying he believed

there were lewish graves in the area that should not

"Since the construction is financed by the Housing

Ministry, we have instructed that this be checked with

those who know how to preserve the graves of

Israel," Porush told Israel Radio. "If there are Jewish

graves, there is no reason why the grave of my grand-

father's grandfather should be destroyed without

checking if there is another way to develop the site."

Archeologists said Porush's decision was worri-

Post melasure



Jewish Agency Chairman Avraham Burg presents US Undersecretary for Trade Stuart Eizenstat, who is also the US special envoy for property claims in Central and Eastern Europe, with a book published in Warsaw in 1877 under the Hebrew title of 'Shern Olam'. The contents deal with much of the area which Eizenstat has traveled on his mission.

(Arel Jerozolimski)

Group demands legal action against parents of diptheria victim

THE director of the National Council for the Child has demanded that the Health Ministry initiate action against the parents of a four-year-old haredi girl who died last week of diphtheria. The

child was never vaccinated against the disease. Dr. Yitzhak Kadman, in a letter to ministry director-general Dr. Meir Oren, said that current laws did not obligate parents to have their youngsters immunized against childhood diseases. However, laws do require parents to protect the welfare and health of their children. Whoever jeopardizes them faces a prison sentence," Kadman said.

"Now, when parents intentionally refuse to get their children vaccinated and endanger their health and lives, is the time to enforce these laws," he said.

No comment on Kadman's letter was available from either Oren or ministry spokesman Effie Lahav yesierday.

The case involved the child of middle-aged American parents, who reportedly identify with Neturei Karta. The child was born in her

parents' home in Mea She'arim. She had oot been registered with the municipal health authorities, was never taken to a family health center and was treated since babyhood with goat's milk by ber mother, who believed in the power of "natural medicioe."

She died on Shabbat at Hadassah-University Hospital in Ein Kerem - the first victim of diphtheria in Israel since a Bnei Brak boy died of the contagious disease in 1988. The law requiring parents to have their children immunized was abolished in 1980, when smallpox

was no longer regarded as a threat. Kadman said that although education is preferable to legislation, "when this doesn't succeed, there is no alternative but to punish violators. An example must be made of these parents," he said.

Family health centers, in most cases, have the names and addresses of families whose children are not immunized, thus they can be locat-

In a meeting on Monday with Chief Rabbi Yisrael Meir Lau, Oren agreed that haredi families who refuse to take their children to municipal family health centers would be able to get vaccinations at Orthodox-sponsored medicalaid organizatioos, such as Yad Sarah, Ezra Le Marpe and other groups. Oren said this would facilitate the ministry's aim of increasing the number of vaccinated children.

He did not say, however, how proper vaccinatioo procedures would be supervised, Lau pledged to "use his influence" to increase the

low vaccination rate in haredi communities. Some claim that extreme groups in the community are anti-Zionist and want oothing to do with the establishment. Others maintain that some rabbis advise against vaccination because they have beard of rare complications and that it "could be dangerous."

immunization rate in the haredi community. However, that the more extreme religious groups do not recognize the chief rabbis' rulings. Various explanations have been given for the

in association with

11-meter-long tunnel under their

The committee, formed by

Internal Security Minister Avigdor

Kahalani, is now probing any pos-

sible security breaches at other

cell over a period of months.

HUNGARY, the Czech Republic and Estonia are the eastern

European countries which have

done the most to return stolen

Holocaust-era assets to Jewish

communities, US Under Secretary

for Trade Stuart Eizenstat said at a

media briefing in Jerusalem yes-

terday. He also noted that Poland,

which has legislation pending, is

the country "that has done the

Eizenstat also confirmed that

Paul Volcker, former chairman of

the US Federal Reserve Board,

sion to look into the assests of

Eizenstat, who is the US govern-

ment's special envoy for property

claims in Central and Eastern

Europe, said he is optimistic that

the independent commission,

which is to investigate several

issues, will be able to resolve

many of the lingering uncertain-ties surrounding Holocaust era

looted assets and unclaimed

"We're very encouraged that at

Jewish deposits in Swiss banks.

last we're going to have a full accounting," be said.

Prior to the briefing, Eizenstat,

will head an independent commis-

Holocaust victims which remain

in Swiss banks.

RAINE MARCUS

The preliminary findings are most severe," Kahalani said yesterday. "The fact that they drilled loudly for days and even weeks unnoticed - or even unheard - is even more severe."

drilling hammer, a large and very noisy instrument, which had been used at the prisoo during renova-

Kahalani also said he was

Curtain after World War II and never received any restitution, emphasizing that "seven years after the fall of Communism, these people still get nothing."

Neither Burg nor Eizenstat could hazard a guess as to the total worth of unrestored Jewish assets. The worth per se is not what's

important, Burg stressed. What we're talking about is a principle," be said, "We're not into the price business. What we want is that not one piece of property which belonged to a Jew will remain in non-Jewish bands."

While East European governments have by and large committed themselves to some form of restitution, claims by the WIRO and other bodies can at best be met on only a partial basis. Burg quoted a Polish official who had told him: "If we answer all your demands, it will come to at least 40 percent of the property in Poland."

The independent committee chaired by Volcker is scheduled to meet in New York on August 14, at which time criteria will be established for the manoer in which applications can be made for unclaimed Jewisb assets in Swiss banks, Burg said.

Prison-break inquiry continues THE committee investigating the

Eizenstat: Probe will

account for Jewish assets

GREER FAY CASHMAN

accompanied by US Ambassador

Martin Indyk, mel with Jewish

Agency Chairman Avraham Burg

and representatives of the World

Jewish Congress and the World

Jewish Restitution Organization to

update them on restitution devel-

opments in Switzerland and

travelled to 13 countries in connection with claims for properties

confiscated or stolen from Jews by

the Nazis and their sympathizers.

In some countries, he said, much

of the community property will

generate income to help Jewish

communities restore themselves.

To see synagogues and minyans

reborn and kosher restaurants and

Jewish community centers opened, he said, was inspirational.

he recommended, "ought to go to

some of these eastern European countries and see these communi-

Eizenstat said he was particular-

ly concerned about the needs of

destitute Holocaust survivors who

were trapped behind the Iron

ties rebuilding their lives."

"Anyone who ever gets jaded,"

He has yet to visit Russia.

Over the past year, Eizenstat has

Eastern Europe.

escape of the two security prisoners from Ashmoret Prison on Sunday is expected to make recommendations about the conditions at all high-security prisons. Islamic Jihad members Tawfik Zadan and Ghassan Awi escaped from Ashmoret by burrowing an

The two tunneled with a

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shocked that there were no nightly examinations by wardens in pris-

The committee is expected to recommend regular searches and examinations, especially in the cells of security prisoners.

It is not yet known whether Prisons Service Commissioner Arye Bibi will be punished. After the escape he said that if the committee found him responsible in any way be would reach his own conclusions, even if it meant his resignation.

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Ministry: Police acted properly in J'lem shooting

THERE are no grounds for indiciing the border policemen who shot an unarmed Arab hotel worker in Jerusalem two months ago, to investigate. The family said because the death resulted from later that their car had been broken the policemen's mistaken belief into the night before, and when that the victim was a terrorist, the they saw what appeared to be a Justice Ministry's divisioo for suspicious vehicle near their able and tragic combination of

The incident occurred at about 2:30 a.m. on June 6, while an undercover border police team was at work in the Wadi Kadoum gun and, afraid the three were terneighborhood of Jerusalem. They rorists, they opened fire. Daoud parked their car near the Shweikeb Shweikeh was killed, and bis house, and the three Shweikeh brother Mohammed was injured.

brothers - all unarmed - came out later that their car had been broken nao returned.

According to the policemen,

After investigating the incident, the ministry's division for investigating policemen ruled that the border police were not to blame.

"What bappened was a miserinvestigating policemen ruled this house, they were afraid the thieves events, in which the victims thieves, while the policemen vices by the decision to close this thought they were facing terror-ists," wrote divisioo head Eran sible use of weapons against Shendar. "Given the circum- Palestinians... is not an unacceptstances, I came to the conclusion able act for which they will be

B'Tselem slammed the decision, charging that of 13 cases in which Arabs were killed by undercover Border Police units, the division has already closed 12. A decision has not yet been issued on the 13th, the organization said.

"B"Tselem believes that the thought they were facing car message sent to the security serthat the policeman who fired was required to answer," the organiza-not guilty of any criminal tion said in a press statement.

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Amir asks for his appeal to be reheard

YIGAL Amir yesterday asked the Supreme Court that an expanded panel of justices rehear his appeal against his conviction of murdering prime minister Yitzhak Rabin. The court had upheld Amir's conviction in a unanimous verdict issued Sunday.

In the request, anomey Gabi Shahar argued that it was not sufficiently proven that the bullets taken from Rabin's body were the same as those later identified by ballistics tests as having been fired from Amir's gun. This claim was also raised in the original appeal and was unanimously rejected by three justices.

Shahar also argued that the court had erred in ignoring a second sel of ballistic tests showing that the bullets which killed Rabin had been fired from very close range, and in one case, with the gun actually touching his jacket. Amir's lawyers had charged during the original appeal that there was no evidence to show that Amir had ever got this close to Rabin, out the justices ruled that this argument became irrelevant once the bullets were proven to have come from Amir's gun. Evelyn Gordon



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SOME 33,000 new immigrants arrived in Israel in the first balf of 1996, the Central Bureau of Statistics reported this week. The figure is down 4.4 percent on the total for the second half of last year (34,500).

The number coming from the FSU is down 6.5% to 27,900. From the Americas and Oceania, 2,100 arrived - a 24% increase - with 1,700

coming from Europe, 900 from Africa and 450 from Asia.

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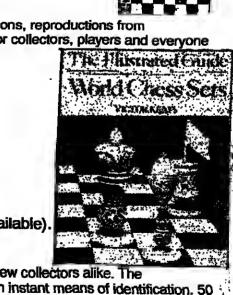
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Rebels attack central Grozny

SEPARATIST rebels, led by the mastermind of a bloody bostagetaking raid last year, stormed into the Chechen capital Grozny yes-terday and fought Russian forces in their biggest offensive in

The rebels, who shot down four helicopter gunships and killed and wounded scores of Russian servicemen, also attacked two other towns in coordinated attacks against the troops they regard as an occupying force.

A rebel leader said the raids were intended to force Moscow back to the negotiating table, but a senior Russian official described the rebel leaders as "international terrorists" and said talks could now be ruled out.

Hundreds of the rebels launched the dawn attack on the city center and seized several key points as Russian forces backed by jets and helicopter gunships tried to stop

Rebel commanders said the attack, the biggest by their forces since a peace agreement in May. was intended to upstage President Boris Yeltsin's inauguration in Moscow on Friday for a second

Heavy fighting raged as up to 400 heavily armed rebels launched two drives in to the

revive his fortunes in vote-rich California.

SAN FRANCISCO (Reuter) - Presumed presidential

nominee Bob Dole will be looking to the Republican

Party's national convention in San Diego next week to

California accounts for 54 electoral college votes in the

presidential race, more than any other state and 20 per-

cent of the total needed to capture the White House.

But a Los Angeles Times poll last month showed Dole

lagging behind President Bill Clinton in California by 27

percentage points, an even bigger deficit than in the

rational polls, which show Clinton with a lead of up to

The fact the Republican National Convention is being

held in California will give the former Senate majority

Dan Schnur, a political analyst and former aide to

"Bob Dole will get more media attention that week (in California) than at any other point in the campaign. This

is his chance to sell Californians on a message they

If Dole's message resonates with Californians, then "the state is back in play." Schnur said. But if Dole fails

to win over California voters, his campaign could at

some point think about focusing its efforts in other states.

"At a certain point, you have to decide where to deploy your resources," he said,

leader an opportunity "to get back in the game out here,"

California's Republican Governor Pete Wilson, said.

haven't had the chance to hear," he said.

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Chechen capital, taking control of several main roads and intersections in the center, Russian mili-

tary officials said. Rebel forces were backed by several tanks and armored personnel carriers.

Russian fighter jets and heli-copter gunships bombed areas held by the Chechens and frequent explosions sbook the sbattered city center. Helicopter gunships fired bundreds of rockets at buildings where rebel fighters were

sheltering.

The main fighting was near government buildings in the city center and around the railway station and the factory district. Rebel snipers kept main streets under constant fire.

The rebels claimed their forces had shot down two Russian helicopters, but there was no way to confirm the report. The Interfax news agency reported that one Russian belicopter had been dam-

Rebel forces also attacked govemment buildings yesterday in the towns of Argun and Gudermes. Deputy Interior Minister-Pavel Golubyets said 13 Russian ser-

Dole looks for boost in California

hard for California."

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.Many of the rebel attacks appeared aimed at facilities of the Moscow-backed Chechen government, which complained that

Russian troops were slow to inter-Ahmed Zakayev, a Chechen rebel representative to peace talks, said rebel leaders had told him the attack was organized by extremists who oppose a peaceful settle-ment. He said peace efforts would

continue. Top Russian negotiators arrived in Chechnya last week to discuss ways to end the hostilities, but so far have failed to contact rebel

Peace agreements calling for a cease-fire, troop withdrawal and rebel disarmament were signed between Moscow and the rebels in May and June, but have remained little more than paper.
Attempts to renew talks have

failed, especially since Russian forces launched an offensive after Yeltsin's re-election July 3. The two sides have blamed each other for the breakdown.

Yeltsin and his prime minister, Viktor Chernomyrdin, discussed the situation in Chechnya during a meeting yesterday. It was Yeltsin's first day back at work at the Kremlin since he left on July 15. vicemen bad been killed and 45

Whether the convention lifts Dole's fortunes in

California depends on what image he conveys there, political analysts say. A divisive convention, marked by

bitter infighting over issues such as abortion, could hurt

his chances, they say.

Dole also hopes for a boost from his plan to cut taxes by more than \$500 billion over six years, with a 15 per-

As Dole's message of tax cuts, more opportunities,

smaller government and stronger, safer families begins to

have an impact, "you will see the numbers increase in the

polls," Dole campaign spokeswoman Christina Martin said from Washington, adding that Dole "intends to fight

After the convention, the cash-strapped Dole campaign

Conventional political wisdom holds that Clinton must

take California to win re-election, while Dole could con-

ceivably win enough other states to carry him to the

'We are the foundation of Bill Clinton's electoral equa-

tion. We are it for Clinton. Clinton cannot win without

California, but it's also very difficult for a Republican to

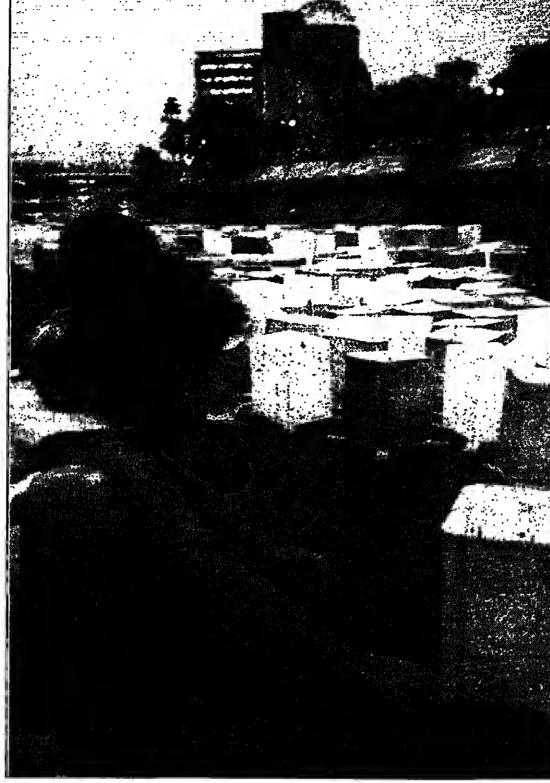
win without contesting California," said Sherry Bebitch

Jeffe, a political analyst at California's Claremont

White House without winning in California.

will receive a boost from \$74 million in public campaign

cent reduction in income tax rates over three years.



Children float paper lanterns in Hiroshima's Motoyasu River to commemorate the 51st anniversary of the bombing of the city. In the background is the symbolic skeleton A-bomb dome. (Reuter)

Japan remembers Hiroshima HIROSHIMA (Reuter) - Japan marked the anniversary of the Hiroshima bombing yesterday with prayers for the victims of the world's first nuclear attack 51 years ago and fresh vows to fight.

the spread of atomic weaponry.
In what has become a yearly ritual, citizens of Hiroshima and survivors of the nuclear blast joined a ceremony commemorating the exact moment when the bomb was

dropped on the morning of August After dark, Hirosbima citizens floated some 10,000 paper lanterns down rivers running through the city to console the

Prime Minister Ryutaro Hashimoto told the gathering he would keep pushing for the adoption of a global treaty banning

souls of those who died.

"Our current priority is to seek

agreement Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty (CTBT)," Hashimoto said. "I will make utmost efforts as the prime minister of the only

nation that experienced the atomic bomb," he said. More than 50,000 residents and

bomb survivors gathered for the service in Hiroshima, in southern Japan, 10,000 fewer than those attended the 50th anniversary commemoration last year. City officials said that half a

century after the world's first use of atomic weaponry reduced Hiroshima to ruins and left a legacy of radiation-linked disease, citizens were less inclined to dwell on the past.

"The mood here is that Hiroshima is turning away from the past to the future," said Noriko Nakamura, spokeswoman for the southwestern city.

"Humanity and nuclear arms cannot co-exist, declared Hiroshima Mayor Takashi Hiraoka.

"We hope the nuclear experiments which have been conducted over 2,000 times will be ended with the agreement of the CTBT," Hiraoka said in his peace declara-

tion. In Geneva, UN-sponsored talks bringing together 61 nations are trying to complete the CTBT text by consensus before it is sent to UN headquarters in New York, where it will be opened for signa-

ture in September. In the past year, Hiroshima has expressed indignation against France and China for conducting nuclear tests when the international commutaty was working to ban them, the latest Chinese test coming only about a week before the

anniversary.

Rivals reach accord on Mostar

MOSTAR (Reuter) - Bosnian Moslems and Croats agreed yesterday to form a local government in the city of Mostar, averting a major crisis in the Bosnian peace process and paving the way for countrywide elections in countrywide September.

Dragan Gasic, a spokesman for the European Union which sponsored the talks, said details of the accord based on recent local election results, would be released later in the day.
It was struck after three days of

grueling negotiations marked by frequent adjournments and late night sessions and well past a EU deadline for agreement.

The EU, which supervised the

local elections as part of a mandate to administer Mostar, had threatened to pull out unless the two sides, deeply mistrustful and embittered after a 10-month war, reached an agreement.

EU officials had set an August 4 deadline but later backed away from carrying out their threat.

An explosion overnight in Croat-held western Mostar underscored rising tensions between the two communities.

A car was damaged and windows in nearby flats were shattered after an explosive device detonated in a garage at about 11.30 p.m., EU police spokesman Howard Fox said.

No serious injuries were reported and the incident was under investigation.

Despite the frequent delays EU mediators had remained hopeful the Mostar Croats could be persuaded to lift their boycott of a newly-elected city council.

What is separating us is half a sentence," EU spokesman Dragan Gasic had said earlier. "One side, the Moslems, have signed. Maybe in the next few hours the Croats will sign as well. But for the moment they bave told us they would not.

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US trouble-shooting envoy for Bosnia Ambassador John Komblum earlier told CNN he believed a deal was close.

"They are now pretty near there...a half a sentence apart. They are now finding some language they can agree to," he said. German Foreign Minister Klaus Kinkel told German Radio yesterday: "Too much is at stake - the federation, the elections on September 14 and in the end the success of the Dayton peace process."

The two factions fought a bitter 10-month war in 1993-94, while the main Moslem-Serb conflict raged in Bosnia. Some of the worst fighting occurred in Mostar.

Diplomats fear failure to implement the results of the Mostar poll could derail nationwide elections planned for next month and make mockery of international attempts to overcome hatreds between the main Moslem and Serb communities.

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Cash pours in to stop twin abortion

LONDON (AP) - Offers to a 16-weeks pregnant woman to stop her aborting one twin because she is poor have soared to more than 45,000 pounds (NIS 254,000) - stirring a national controversy over Britain's liberal abortion laws.

The leader of a pro-abortion doctors' group denounced what she called the "auctioning" of the healthy fetus, and accused anti-abortion groups

Authorities at Queen Charlotte Hospital in west London said they could not tell the patient, described by the hospital as a 28-year-old single mother who already has one child, about the money offers because it would break patients' confidentiality. It was unclear how the woman

highly unusual because it involves aborting a healthy fetus in a natural-

Forced labor ups Burma GDP, says US

BANGKOK (AP) - Forced labor accounts for approximately 3 percent of Burma's gross domestic product, according to an economic report by the US Embassy in Rangoon.

The annual report, received in Bangkok yesterday, paints a bleak picture of the economy, with soaring deficits, declining foreign investment, rampant military spending and rising debt and reliance on illicit drug profits.

The state has employed growing amounts of unpaid labor, apparently worth about 3 percent of GDP in fiscal year 94/95," to build infrastructure, the report said.

Burma has been criticized by human rights groups and international labor organizations for using forced labor on public works. The government says citizens willingly working without pay is Burmese tradition. Journalists and other outsiders

who have interviewed workers dispute the government's claim, describing how people are rounded up to work for little or no pay. Those unable to work are sometimes fined.

The United Nations International Labor Organization in May agreed to launch a rare grievance procedure against Burma. The US State Department human rights report this year said hundreds of thousands of Burmese are forced into work.

A US Embassy spokesman said some of the numbers were "educated guesses" because the government's figures were either incomplete or distorted.

Vigilante drug violence in S.Africa CAPE TOWN (AP) - The leader

of a vigilante group that gunned down a drug lord was wounded and in hiding yesterday, but deternined to continue his campaign against gangs.
"The bloodletting was actually

very helpful," Muhammed Ali "Phantom" Parker told the Cape Times from his hideout. "In my inind it strengthens our cause. The war will be intensified."

Parker was shot in the chest Sunday night when he led about 200 people in a profest outside a house owned by the Iwin leaders of the notorious Hard Living Kids. Rashied and Rashaud Staggie.

Shots were fired on the protesters from the house, and the crowd was angry by the time Rashaad Staggie drove up. Masked members of Parker's People Against Gangsterism and Drugs shot Staggie repeatedly and set him alight with a petrol bomb, killing

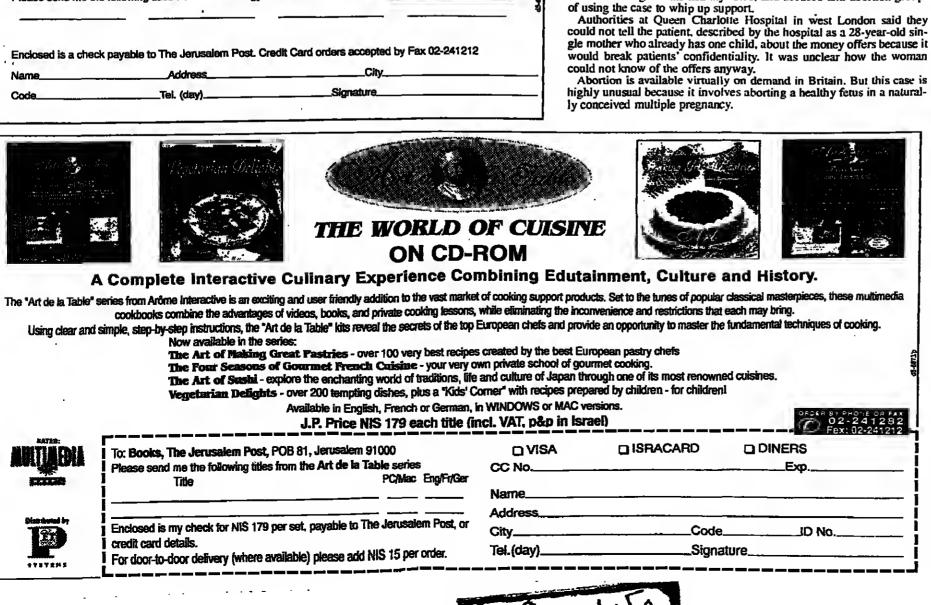
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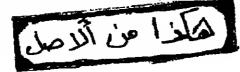
demonstrations in recent weeks in which they arrived at the bomes of suspected drug dealers shouting threats and in one instance setting fire to a van. The group is linked to the Gatesville mosque, whose conservative clerics have called for a tough stand on crime.

At his brother's funeral Monday, Rashied Staggie dared any Moslem to try and kill him. With about 3,000 followers, Staggie commands Cape Town's second largest gang, and police fear war will break out between Pagad members and young crimi-

Scores of gangs deal in drugs, prostitution and stolen goods in Cape Town's impoverished, la gely Moslem neighborhoods.

Meanwhile, robbers grabbed 40 million rand (about NIS 30m.) from the offices of a Durban security firm early yesterday in "what we believe to be the biggest ever armed robbery in South Africa," said police spokesman Vishnu





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US-Iran tension poses dilemma for Gulf Arabs

OUNTING tension between the US and Iran poses an alarming dilember bombing in Saudi Arabia which killed 19 American airmen.

He called Iran the prime syspect ma for Gulf Arab states, who are dependent on Washington for protection while also having to nervously watch their larger neighbor across the water.

The oil-rich but vulnerable Gulf Arabs, who have looked to the US to defend them since Iraq's 1990 invasion of Kuwait, have publicly accused Teberan of interfering in their internal affairs.

The US has up to 20,000 soldiers and marines stationed in the Gulf and has vowed to shield its Arab allies there from any possible Iranian threat.

Some analysts and Western diplomats said that while Gulf Arab states saw US protection as vital, they also feared having to pay a heavy price for any military showdown between Washington and Teheran.

"The Gulf states are nervous aboui a US-Iranian coofrontation," a Western diplomat said.

They are in a no-win situation. Nobody can afford to provoke Iran in the Gulf. The Gulf states have too much to lose. Iran can turn around and say 'You helped the Americans' and carry out acts of sabotage," the diplomat said.

US Defense Secretary William Perry last week made fresh allegations about Iranian support of international terrorism" and said Washington would take strong action against any country proved to be involved in the fuel truck

He called Iran the prime suspect in international terrorism against the US but denied this signaled immunent military action against Teheran, Iran denied the US charges and complained to the United Nations about American threats.

"The Americans want to settle past accounts with Iran but they neglect the fact that we will always be Iran's neighbors," a Saudi analyst said.

"A confrontation would mean we would be accused of aiding the United States. America and Israel will not suffer but we will. We don't want problems with Iran. Easing tensions would be the best solution," the analyst added.

Elsewhere in the Gulf, tough military acooo was urged againsi Iran or any other foreign power if they were linked to the June 25

Saudi bombing.

Stroog and swift military action should be taken if Iran, any other foreign power, or whoever, is implicated in the bombing in Saudi Arabia," a Gulf official said. "Gulf states and their Western

allies should take action. We should teach them a lesson not to do this again," the official, speak-ing on condition of anonymity,

Iran, the dominant regional power, has tried to improve ties with its Gulf Arab neighbors and has criticized the US military presence in the region. (Reuter)

Egyptian court: Academic must divorce

N Egyptian court this week threw its weight bebind L Lislamists by upbolding a ruling that a happily married university professor must divorce bis wife because bis writings make him unfit to be married to a Moslem woman.

He was found to have renounced Islam. The decision io the case of Nasr Abu Zeid drew immediate criticism from human rights activists and secular lawyers, who fear the decision will embolden Moslem fundamentalists to go after others who do not share their view of Islam.

'It is all the more dangerous because it gives regressive forces the opportunity to challenge others' personal, academic, scientific and religious beliefs in court," said a statement issued by the Egyptian Organization for Human Rights (EOHR). The group said it feared for the life of Abu Zeid and urged President Hosni Mubarak to overturn the "un just" decision.

The court rejected Abu Zeid's appeal against a ruling ordering his separation from fellow academic Ibohal Younis.

Moslem fundamentalists won their court case against Abu Zeid last year when a judge supported their claim that his wriong bad

made him an unbeliever. Mohammed Moneib, secretary general of the EOHR, said the court decisioo was a damaging

blow to Egypt This is a big shock to us. The ruling is a strike in the face of civil society in Egypt and to its development. It is another addition to the backward behavior in Egypt that is working to stop any real

development and it streogthens the limitations on freedom of opinion and belief," Moneib said. We urge the president to inter-

vene immediately and cancel this unjust ruling," be added.

Court sources said they had expected jndge Mobammed Misbah Sharabiya to postpone his decision on the appeal until Abu Zeid's lawyers had had a chance to include details of new legislation passed by parliament earlier this year that affects their case.

According to the legislation, any cases calling for the separation of a busband and wife must be mvesogated before they go to court if the plaintiff is not directly

Abu Zeid and Younis moved to the Netherlands earlier this year to take up teaching posts. The court that made the decision is the last stop for appeals in Egypt and court sources say if the couple ever return to Cairo they will have to separate.

Human rights groups have expressed concern for Abu Zeid's life, saying they fear that Moslem militant groups fighting to turn Egypt into a strict Islamic state will take the ruling against Abu Zeid as a liceose to kill him.

The Egyptian militant Jihad group said last year that Abu Zeid should be killed in line with Islamic laws because he bad aban-

doned bis Moslem faith. "Abu Zeid's life is in real danger now. There is no way he or his wife can return [to Egypt] because they [militants] are waiting to kill them immediately and they bave a legal justification - this unjust ruling." EOHR's Moneib said.

(News agencies)

Ex-Iraqi official:

Saddam Hussein was planning to invade Saudi Arabia soon after his army took over Kuwait in

August 1990. Saad al-Bazzaz made the disclosure in a new book and said by telephone from exile in Jordan that Saddam decided to invade Saudi Arabia after he saw attempts to neutralize King Fahd in the

Kuwait crisis bad failed. Saddam has always denied he planned such a move and maintained the US falsely accused him of an invasion plan to scare the Saudis into accepting US and other allied forces which later lib-

erated Kuwait. Excerpts from al-Bazzaz's yet to be published book, Generals Are the Last to Know, were printed this week in the London-based daily Al-Hayat. It said Saddam ordered his forces to ready an assault on Saudi Arabia's oil-rich eastern provinces. Al-Bazzaz, an ex-aide to

Saddam and former editor of the daily Journhouriya, said the Iraqi leader ordered the elite Republican Guard to be ready to launch an offensive on August 11, 1990, oine days after the invasion of Kuwait. According to the plans, four

former Iraqi official said divisions, totalling 120,000 President troops, were to thrust into the

The plans worked out by commander of the guards at the time, Lt. Gen. Iyad Feteyeb al-Rawi, called for a three-pronged attack that would have the attackers reach the oil fields in 10 hours,

Later, al-Bazzaz said, Saddam canceled the Saudi invasion plans and ordered troops to concentrate

No one can determine what forced him to change his mind," he said. This is a secret which

sion during the war when Iraqi troops captured the Saudi border town of Khafji, al-Bazzaz said.

drove the Iraqis out of Khafji.

Arafat turns deaf ear to due process

RESPECT for human rights is a simple issue that Palestinian Authority leader Yasser Arafat still fails to understand. The events in Nablus and Tulkarm last weekend point to this, and brought the new Palestinian administration its most serious

The Legislative Council has published clear demands for Arafat to set up a normal democratic judiciary and for prisoners to be taken before proper courts or released after a legally stipulated ome of investigation. It has been demanded of Arafat that PA prisoners be given due process - a proper trial with either acquittal or appropriate sentence.

Such demands seem alien to Arafat, who simply ignores them. This issue has been a major bone of contention between Arafat and the newly elected Legislative Council in the territories.

Even Yasser Abd Rabbo, head of the FIDA party in Nablus and close colleague of Arafat, has never hesitated to demand that Arafat respect human rights and eliminate creeping **PINHAS INBARI**

corruption in the Palestinian regime. When the young Fatah leader Mahmoud Jumayal was tortured and killed during interrogations in the Nablus prison last week, the city exploded in anger. Some 30,000 people aoended the funeral which became a mass

protest. They stormed the municipality, the police station and the private homes of senior On Friday, a quiet demonstration of prisoners' families near the PA headquarters in Tulkarm turned to chaos after crowds attending weekly prayers joined them, inflamed by

mosques. The police opened fire, the crowd stormed the prison to free more than 50 inmates. One Palestinian was shot dead and Tulkarm was placed under curfew for the first time in the West Bank autonomy.

sermons from Hamas preachers in the

No one in Nablus had even demanded that Jumayal be freed - he was a member of a group that had terrorized the city before the PA authorities entered.

These events brought Arafat the first big threat to his rule.

M.S., a young FIDA acovist, explained bow ordinary Palestinians see the matter. "I was proud to go 10 times to Israeli jails during the intifada. I refuse to enter a Palestinian jail even for half a minute.

There are gaps in the mentality of those who came from Tunis compared with us in the West Bank. We have the intifada mentality - we are sensitized to burnan rights. They are not. They even forget they are only here thanks to our struggle.

"Israel is looking happily at what is going on among us," he said. "That is a mistake, because sooner or later sucb ioternal

Palestinian violence will turn against the settlements. On the settlements issue we will be united.

Israeli security officials concur, saying they believe the party gaining most is Hamas. Hamas was firmly behind the Tulkarm agi-

tadon and Hamas will benefit if sucb instabil-"Rule by Arafat is the only solution in the current situation," one security source said. "No good will come out of having his leader-

ship weak." The Palestinian leadership of Nablus reached a similar conclusion. A delegation representing Nablus went to see Arafat in Jericho. While assuring him of their support and loyalty, they again pleaded with him to establish proper state institutions, especially legal ones.

"Give prisoners a proper chance," the delegates urged. "Do not repeat the evils of the Israeli occupation.

Arafat nodded his approval. No one was sure if he understood the message.

Syrian Olympic gold medalist Ghada Shouaa holdes her medal while riding in a motorcade through Damascus Monday. Shouaa, who won the heptathlon, is the country's first gold medal winner.

Germans stumble on Palestinian hijack plotters

ERIK KIRSCHBAUN

HEN German police accideotally stumbled on the two Palestinian accomplices of a hijacker who seized a Spanish plane and forced it to land in Miami recently, they at first had no idea that the two were guilty of anything more than

illegal entry into Germany.
The Iberia Airlines DC-10 bound for Havana was diverted in mid-flight to Miami on July 26 after a lone hijacker, initially believed to be Lebanese, beld a pair of scissors to a flight atteodant's neck and said he had a bomb ready to blow up the plane.

The hijacker surrendered peacefully after the plane landed in Miami and oone of the 231 passengers or crew were burt.

This week the hijacker was identified by a Lebanese security source as Sa'ado Mobammed Ibrahim, a Palestinian born in Ein el-Hilweb refugee camp in 1968. "He left Lebanon with a laissezpasser, oumber 088415," the security source said.

The hijack took place nine days after the explosion of TWA Flight 800 but because it happened only hours before the Olympics bomb age of the Atlanta bomb.

But the hijack story took a bizarre turn last, week when

German prosecutors in the border town of Saarbruecken said that two Palestinian men had been detained during a routine passport check.

They were crossing from France to Germany without valid visas. When quesconed, they unexpectedly revealed that they had played a role in planning the Spanish hijack. They said they had opted out at the last minute as passengers boarded io Madrid.

We did not know there had beeo accomplices to the hijacking until the accomplices themselves told us while being questioned about their illegal entry into Germany," said Weodel Wintrich, deputy state prosecutor in Saarbruecken, a small city of 200,000 people on Germany's

southeastern border with France. "The theory of their involvement is based entirely on their own claims of having participal-

ed," Wintricb said. They were only being questioned about entering the country

The men's names have not been released. One had a Lebanese passport, the other Wintricb described as a "stateless Palestinian." They were traveling by train from Paris to Frankfurt and were caoght in a random check by border guards.
The two, aged 24 and 26 accord-

ing to Wintrich, are being held without bail while police continue their investigation.

Neither Spaio oor the US bave yet asked for extradioon, Wintrich said. A US Embassy spokesman in Berlin said he had oo knowledge of any hijack accomplices being wanted in the US.

"We don't know anything about this," the spokesman said. "We are looking into it." State prosecutors said the two

have filed an appeal against their arrest in a German court. They are expected in be charged this week with helping to plan air piracy.
If convicted they could receive

between two and 15 years in jail. They can be held for up to six months before being charged. Neither Saarbruecken prosecutors, local police or the US

landed at Frankfurt's international airport. Hamadi was convicted and sentenced to life in prison for the 1985 hijacking of a TWA airliner to Beirut, during which a US Navy diver was executed.

Hamadi speot some of his prison ome in Saarbruecken and is oow in a jail near Frankfurt where he will not be eligible for parole until 2002. German law forbade Hamadi's extradioon to the US since be could have faced a death penalty there if convicted.

embassy have yet established why

the two were trying to enter

Germany. But Germany's reputa-

oon as a liberal haven for political

refugees is well-known. In

Frankfurt, where they were bound,

more than a third of the population

of 660,000 bold foreign passports.

caused a considerable stir in sleepy

Saarbruecken, recalling the capture

in Germany of hijacker Mohammad

Ali Hamadi in 1987, who was

caught by border guards after he

The arrest of the alleged hijackers

(Special to The Jerusalem Post)

Terry Anderson returns to Beirut

TERRY Anderson, the US journalist who was kid-napped in Beirut and held hostage for nearly seven years, arrived this week to film a documentary about Lebanon's recovery from its civil war.

Anderson was making his first trip back since his release on December 4, 1991, a year after the 15-year sectarian strife ended and the government began disbanding unruly militias that had eroded its authority during the conflict.

"I am happy and excited to be back," Anderson said. "I don't think there will be risks that can't be managed. The war is over." Asked whether he had notified

the US State Department of his trip, be said: "No. I don't believe the American ban against Lebanon Almost five years after Anderson

became the last American bostage to be freed from captivity in Lebanon, Washington still maintains a ban on the travel of its citizens there.

Anderson said the documentary be has in mind would focus on "how far Lebanon has gone in its recovery from the war.

"The Americans know only about the violent side of Lebanon. I want to tell them about how Lebanon is doing in peacetime." Anderson said.

His Lebanese wife. Madeleine Bassil Anderson, and their daughter 11-year-old, Sulome, were on hand to meet him as he emerged rrom me arrivais Beirut airport. They had come to Beirut earlier to prepare for his

"I am not scared about his return," Madeleine Anderson said. Anderson, now 48, was Beirut bureau chief of the AP when he was kidnapped by the Islamic Jihad, on March 16, 1985. His daughter was born less than three months after bis kidnapping.

His 2,455-day ordeal made him the longest-held of 92 foreigners who were abducted during the Lebanese strife.

Most of the hostages were freed in deals negotiated by their governments or through UN intermediaries. Eleven, however, are believed to have been killed by their captors or died in capovity.

During his two-week stay, Anderson will film a documentary for CNN and interview a host of officials, poliocians and religious leaders. But the 42-minute documentary will not touch on his personal ordeal in captivity.

in Atlanta, oews about the incident Saddam planned to invade Saudi Arabia was all but lost in the vast cover-

desert to capture the oil fields more than 300 km away.

> said al-Bazzaz. "Everything was set [for the Saudi invasion] awaiting an Hhour to be decided by the com-mander in chief," al-Bazzaz said, referring to Saddam.

instead on fortifying Kuwait.

only Saddam knows." Saddam again planned an inva-

He said Saddam ordered his commanders to try to capture thousands of American troops and tie them to Iraqi tanks that would advance into the Saudi oil fields. But US-led allied forces soon





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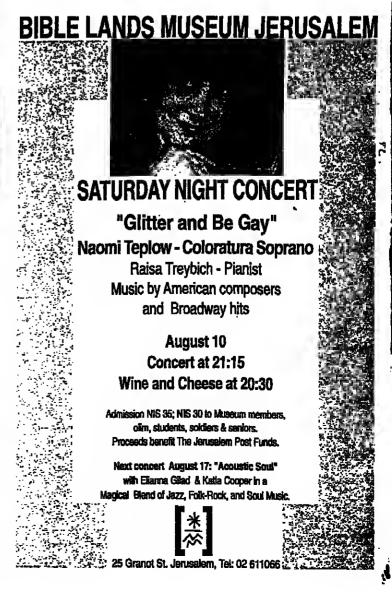
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Peace at home

THE squabbling over whether Shas or the National Religious Party should first hold the Religious Affairs portfolio is thankfully over, but not before reducing the unfortunate brew of religion and politics to the level of parody. In the end, the decision to give the minister's job first to Shas's Eli Suissa and then, in a year's time, to the NRP's Zevulun Hammer, was not settled, as Sbas bad suggested, by randomly opening a Bible and seeing which party's initial letter appeared first on the page. Perhaps we missed the opportunity for God to display a sense of burnor and ensure that neither letter appear on the chosen page.

The real travesty, however, is that this tussle has served to reinforce the feeling that religious narties are more concerned with spoils than with souls. In his first speech as prime minister, Binyamin Netanyahu said that "the first and foremost peace we must make is peace at home, amongst ourselves." Unity among the Jewish people is not only Israel's greatest long-term challenge, it is arguably critical to our security and to a successful outcome in the peace process. Yel repairing the serious tear between religious and secular camps, as highlighted this summer on Rehov Bar-Ilan, hardly seems to be on the agenda of the religious parties.

Indeed, this oxymoron - the "religious party" - is ill-equipped to cootribute to the healing process. It is the image, after all, of the religious parties hip-deep in the muck of politics year after year that has done so much to sour secular Israelis on religion and the religious camp.

Despite this, in the last elections a remarkable number of secular Israelis voted for the religious parties (particularly Shas and the NRP) because of their distaste for the anti-religious campaign cooducted by Meretz. The majority of Israelis are clearly against both the radical secular and religious visions of the state. They believe Israel can be both a Jewish and a democratic state, as Israel's declaration of independence proclaimed almost 50 years

By engaging in an aggressively anti-religious campaign, Meretz not only lost three seats, it also lost the war among the wider Israeli public.
The religious parties seem to be making a similar mistake. They can continue their historic focus on laws relating to religious observance, but the more they fight these battles the more they risk losing the larger war, as they alienate the majority who want a Jewish state but are

against Judaism imposed by the state.

While the goal of the religious parties has no doubt been to elevate politics, it is hard to escape the assessmeot that politics has instead succeeded in lowering religion. Whether it is fair or not, the religious parties, and the extremists who are small minorities within the religious communities, represeot Judaism io the eyes of many secular Israelis. While it is very difficult for religious politicians to change this impression from inside the political system, it is the most important challenge the religious parties face – both for the good of the country and their own political future. their own political future.

Fortunately, the challenge of repairing the image of religion and religious parties is not a zero-sum game - there are things that can be done that will improve relations with the secular majority without conflicting with the interests of the religious public.

Special atteotion can be paid to improving the points of contact between religious authorities and the general public. A wedding ceremony can be the first and most important religious eveol in the lives of Israeli adults - yet the contact with the religious authorities leading up to this tender momeot tends to reinforce every stereotype of religious officialdom as being gratuitously coercive, mindlessly bureaucratic, and spiritually empty.

The religious court system, another point of contact with the secular public, is notoriously slow and inefficient. Here, 100, is an opportunity to display the sophistication, subtlety, and moral sense of the Jewish legal system - an

opportunity lost in a morass of bureaucracy.
The Religious Affairs Ministry should seek out and support the myriad of organizations, large and small, that are dedicated to improving relations between secular and religious Jews. While we should not expect the government to be the sole agent in healing this rift in our society, there is much that can be done. The least we can expect is that the Religious Affairs Ministry become part of the solution, rather than contributing to the problem.



Signals from Tulkarm

police rioting in Nablus and Tulkarm and the violent protests against the Palestinian Authority's reign of terror in the areas under its rule present Israel with a dilemma: Should it rush to

shore up Arafat's shaky regime? We've already helped Arafat out. Back at the beginning of the year we came up with a solution to the problem of Arabs resident in Jerusalem - sovereign Israeli territory - participating in elections to the PA. The government agreed that Palestinians living in the capital could be elected to the PA council, on condition that they had a second address outside Jerusalem.

This creative solution solved a very thorny problem for Arafat, but it is currently giving our pre-mier quite a headache in the shape of PA council member Khattern Abdel Khader.

Last week Khader opeoed an office in his bome in the Jerusalem suburb of Beit Hanina, in contravention of the Oslo agreement. On receiving a closure order from the Israeli authorities he claimed it was his sole residence - in other words, he admitted having falsely declared that he had another address outside Jerusalem, enabling himself on this basis to be elected to the

In the almosphere of mouoting opposition now manifest within the PA council the rebellious Khader rejected Arafat's proposal that he close down his office so as not to rock the boat over Hebron.

Israel has woven itself a tangled web out of a wish to help Arafat. Its desire to provide the PA with economic aid caused a disagreement with the Jordanian government last year. When Israel promised Jordan that it would permit \$30m. of surplus Jordanian exports a year into Judea and Samaria, the Palestinian chambers

THE US is being upstaged as

of Syria and Israel, clarify their

respective negotiating positions

and convey them explicitly and

During his debut in Cairo as

Israel's newly-elected leader two

weeks ago, Prime Minister

Netanyahu received a thorough

briefing on the views expressed to

Mubarak only a few days before

by Syrian President Hafez Assad.

demonstrated his ability to serve

as a catalyst capable of reactivat-

ing the long-dormant talks

between Israel and Syria by

launching an ambitious shuttle in

which he not only acted as media-

tor between Netanyahu and Assad

but also as a discreet courier will-

ing and able to deliver secret mes-

In fact, a senior official travel-

ing with Netanyahu from Amman

to Jerusalem after the prime min-

ister's first summit in the

Jordanian capital described the

message Hussein got from Assad

for presentation to the prime min-

tive." the senior official said. He

used the same adjective for the

Political observers here inter-

preted this rhetoric to mean that

Assad agreed to the resumption of

bilateral talks between Syrian and

Israeli representatives in

Maryland or any other American

venue. "The king was impressed

with Assad's commitment to

peace," the senior official went

"The news he brought was posi-

ister in glowing terms.

message itself.

sages between his interlocutors.

And Jordan's King Huasein

Damascus and Beirut.

effectively.

MOSHE ZAK

of commerce blocked implementation of the agreement.

And later when Israel signed an

economic agreement with the PA providing for a free trade zone, there were problems with Jordan. This week the prime minister himself was involved in papering. over the cracks between our agreements with Jordan and the

Arafat's future looks shaky just now. Need Israel worry about it?

NETANYAHU'S government is continuing the policy of the previous one on economic aid for Arafat, Indirectly it has helped the PA get \$75m. in American aid - a kind of quid pro quo for Arafat's help in locating the body of sol-dier Ilan Sa'adon, murdered by Hamas terrorists. It was also something of a mark of appreciation of Palestinian police operations against terror gangs planning attacks in Israel.

But economic cooperation with the PA, welcome in itself, has a dangerous side: It entails links between Israelis no longer in office and senior Palestinians wbo occupy key roles in Gaza and Ramallah.

These Palestinians have under harsh criticism from their own people. They have been accused of corruption and of accepting bribes involving import-export deals with Israelis. And jealousy over their success is only liable to increase the ferment in Palestinian society against PA leaders, something support for Arafat'a regime. We saw an expression of this in the demonstrations this week.

Growing hatred for the PA heads could end up causing problems for their Israeli partners. Israel has neither the right not

the ability to change the practices of the Palestinian administration. It shouldn't hurry to give the PA advice or get involved in any future crisis the regime may

PA leaders have been urged to "make haste slowly" (recalling Chaim Weizmann's use of the seemingly contradictory "hot frost"), but they don't seem to understand what that means.

Their security service lacks all restraint or inhibition. For example, from time to time it attempts to justify its use of torture in interrogations by citing the necessity of combating terrorism, as Israel and the US demand.

This PA lack of understanding of how much force to use in curbing terrorism is the backdrop to the violeot demonstrations in Nablus and Tulkarm. It forms the background of the current ferment among Palestinians against Arafat's regime - a situation which is causing concern to those Israelis who have come to view Arafat as the keystone of their policies. But perhaps they should be less anxious.

Three decades ago Washington was concerned that the fall of Gamal Abdel Nasser would usher in a more extreme Egyptian ruler. Israel disagreed. And, in time, Anwar Sadat signed a peace treaty

The same principle holds true regarding the Palestinians. Israel's long-term policy planning should not presuppose the permanence in power of any one individual, no matter how crucial he may seem at a particular time.

The writer, a veteran journalist, which could further erode popular . comments on current affairs.

Numbers game

JACOB CHINITZ

"M always annoyed - and amused - wheo I hear refer-ences to "the 613 command-

Serving as slogan and banner, the phrase is used by the left to show the sheer impossibility of assuming the burden of a religious life. The right, for its part, employs it to exemplify the blessings of that life.

In fact, however, the phrase carries no legitimate summation of what halacbic Judaism is. or

It would be ridiculous, by analogy, to speak of the duties of an Israeli citizen in terms of 60 Basic Laws, hundreds of laws passed by the Knesset, or the thousands of laws on the books of the various

municipalities. On the one hand it would be assumed that the average citizen never gets involved with most of Israel's laws; on the other it would be assumed that a citizen pledges loyalty to the whole corous of Israeli law without any

specific number being mentioned What are the facts about the 613 mitzvot?

If we were to refer to the Torah as the Constitution of the Jewish religion and the Talmud plus the total area of what is called the Oral Law as the legal system flowing from it, that would be like speaking of the US Constitution and the English Common Law preceding it and following it as being the legal system upon which the US, England, and in part, Israel base themselves.

But no one ever bothered to count the number of specific positive and negative laws in the US Constitution or the number of Basic Laws passed by the Knesset, which serve as a loose parallel to a national Constitution as yet unborn.

There is a passage in the Talmud which relates that Moses was given 613 (taryag) mitzvot at Sinai, and a great Jewish legal literature known as the Manei Hamitzvor grew up around this kernel idea. The "counters of the mitzvot" tried to pinpoint the 613 commandments from the text of the Torah, according to talmudic

Why 613 - A commandments? You might just as well say millions

interpretation. But the use of the number 613 leads to many fallacies from the

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faces

viewpoint of Halacha itself. NOT ALL the 613 commandments apply at all omes, to all Jews, in all periods of history.

For example, there are mizzvot that apply to men and not to women - and vice versa, in the Temple and not outside it, to the Land of Israel and not the Diaspora, to the nation as a whole and not the individual, to priests (kohanim) only, at certain times and not at other times, once in a lifetime, and once a day.

At the end of his section on positive commandments in his Book Canimandments (Sefer Hamitzvot) Maimonides calculates that the average Jew living a normal married life in a community is subject to a total of 60 commandments on a regular basis.

The 613 commandments, while serving in a considerable sense as the scaffolding upon which a large part of Halacha can be hung. do not cover areas even of Torah law not included within their rubric; and they certainly do not include the vast area of rabbinic legislauon.

So anyone wanting to boast about the rich possibiliries inherent in religious observance could cite "millions" instead of 613 mitzvot. So, equally. could anyone wishing to point to the impossible burden of being observant.

The number 613 includes commandments not even the most ultra-Orthodox Jew would dream of carrying out today, such as Saiah and Egla Arufa, the suspected wife and the decapitated calf (in the case of an unsolved murder). These even the Mishna itself deemed obsolete 2,000 years ago.

On the other hand the 613 commandments include mitzvoi that even the most secular Jew would accept as morally valid and even legally operative. Examples are You shall not commit murder, and "You shall not steal."

Slogans serve a purpose in social controversy, but they can be dangerously misleading.

Bandying about the phrase "613 commandments" outside rigorous veshiva discussion or scholarly research into Hebrew Law can

only distort the truth about reli-

gious observance and religious

The writer is an Orthodax

denial.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

PORNOGRAPHY

Sir, - After viewing the show Yoman Tarbut with Yael Dan on July 18, it is obvious that Israel has lost the meaning of the word culture and has no degree of conscience or

censorship to speak of.
At 9:20 in the evening (thank goodness nooe of my children happened to be in the room as they so often are with the TV on these summer nights), Yael Dan presented a review of an Israeli movie. I find it pathetic that the only scene they could think to provide the public with was of two stark-naked people having sex. There was oothing left to the imagination. The camera focused on what was male, what was female, where to insert what and how to proceed.

As a mother, teacher, and volunteer oo a hotline for women, I am offended by this pornography that came into my house uninvited. Every day there are calls to the hotline from mothers who can't understand how their child has fallen victim to sexual harassment or rape, or how such a child ever got such an idea into his head in the first place and eveo knew what to do. Well, now I can reassure them that their children must have been watching Yoman Tarbut and learned all they needed to know.

I hope someone will have the time and the insight to arrest this promiscuity before we do damage to yet another generation of children. THEA LEIBTAG

TOLERANCE IN DIASPORA

Sir, - I refer to Dr. Nily Shiryon's letter of July 9 in which he refuted the need for a Jewisb presence in the Diaspora.

I am a strong religious Zionist, with a great love of my people, whether in or out of Israel, and (although I am Orthodox) whether Conservative or Reform. But when I see the singt hingm that exists in Israel today, I fear that Hashem may see fit once more to expel us from

In America, despite disagreements, there is more tolerance among the Orthodox, Conservative and Reform than in Israel. And despite the great intermarriage rate in the US, there will always be the Orthodox. We will never disappear, and the tolerance and respect held for us by our gentile neighbors is greater than that in Israel Surely, things might change, and Jews should ever be vigilant even in America; but to safeguard your future, you Israelis could do worse than emulate us Americans.

JAY FEDERMAN, M.D. Dix Hills, N.Y.

JACOB'S LADDER

Sir, - Some friends recommended Jacob's Ladder, the annual folk music festival, both for its music and for its purportedly high standard of organization. Indeed, I was oot disappointed by the program or the friendly atmosphere. However, the organization left much to be desired.

The parking arrangements were confused and illogical, cansing guests much unoecessary convenience.

The sanitation conditions in the women's bathrooms and showers were appalling. Pipes and taps leaked or didn't function, paper was missing, hand dryers didn't work. Worst of all, there was no respect for privacy. A male sanitation worker would appear suddenly out of nowhere, surprising those using the facilities.

Finally, there was inadequate thoughl given to the question of refuse. Everywhere trees were draped with large plastic bags and garbage. With such a large crowd of guests, many picnicking through the evening and night, it did not take long before these filled up. It is incomprehensible that the garbage was not collected at the crack of dawn. Instead, it was there until late into the morning, overflowing and obtrusive, wheo finally there was some

visible sign of clean-up. I would like to close by adding that this music event, at the price of NIS 115 a ticket, was not cheap and this especially because so many came as a family. The public expects more for its money and moreover deserves it too.

SUSIE KATZ

A MAN'S NAME

Sir, - Shame on Uri Avnery for jesting with a man's name ("Ali that glitters isn't ...," July 19). He is no better than the crude Egyptian press that made fun of Netanyaho's name when he visited Egypt.

But "strike at a great man and you will not miss" (Sophocles). Dore Gold's reputation and name for clear thinking will survive Avnery'a base alander.

Ávnery tbinks Netanyabu knows nothing about Palestinians" and "has surrounded himself with people who apparently don't know much more." Neither does Avnery, who listens to the Palestin-ians' "experts," who tell him, as he himself says about experts, what he

wants to hear. Gold doesn't have to understand the Palestinians as much as the Israeli public that elected Netanyahu. He does that better than Avnery.

THE PALESTINIAN COVENANT

Sir, - Concerning the continuing question as to whether or oot the Palestine National Council canceled the PLO covenant at the PNC meeting on April 24, the public can make its own judgment by viewing the only video taken of the meeting by the only Palestinian TV crew that was anthorized by the PNC to film the session.

The Institute for Peace Education

Readers who are interested in obtaining the video, with Hebrew or English subtitles, in the NTSC or PAL system, may do so by sendiog a fax or E-mail message to the Institute for Peace Education, fax (02) 623-6470. media@actcom.co.il.

Sir, - For thousands of years, the that kept our people together. Nowa-(even on a Shabbat) and bebaving

Sir, - Since the strength of my busband'a case has always rested on the truth, I wish to keep the facts straight and correct a misquote attributed to me. My husband, Jonathan Pollard, has been incarcerated for a total of 11 years, seven of those spent in isolation. He has endured 11 years of empty promises regard-

purchased this critically important audiovisual material and makes it available to the public for scrutiny. The video shows the vote which took place, following PNC chairman Zaoooo's explanation that the vote was not on changing the covenant, but rather on the establishment of a subcommittee to look into the

SARA ROSENBLUM, Executive Secretary. Institute for Peace Education Jerusalem.

RELIGIOUS PARTIES

Jewish religion was the one thing days, the one thing that is tearing our people apart is the so-called religious parties and many of their fol-lowers. I use the word "so-called" advisedly because they should well know that first and foremost one has to be a mensch before one can call oneself religious. Throwing stones like they do in the Knesset would

seem to be anything but religious. Religion should be kept out of politics and all the religious parties should cease behaving like spoilt children and threatening to pull out of the government whenever something is not to their liking.

JOHN S. COHEN

JONATHAN POLLARD ing his release.
We deeply appreciate The Jerusa-

Speaking on the record, lem Post's editorial support. Netanyahu hinted that talks with ESTHER POLLARD Syria may be in the offing. "We see a need to renew the peace لمكذا من ألاصل

Secretaries off either stage

JAY BUSHINSKY the Middle East's principal peacemaker by two of this negotiations with Syria," he said. volatile region's erstwhile beladding that "the issue of where ligerents: Egypt and Jordan. It may no longer be necessary for they take place is less important." American secretaries of state 10 Hussein's trip to Damascus was evidently preceded by a clandes-tine rendezvous with Netanyahu shutile between Jerusalem. Egypt's President Mubarak has in London. It gave the prime minthe diplomatic clout to convene ister an opportunity to present his alternate summits with the leaders "Lebanon First" proposal accord-

Middle East peacemaking may no longer be an American diplomatic monopoly - and that's no bad thing

ing to which Israel would carry

out a staged withdrawal of its forces from southern Lebanon. This would require the entry of Lebanon's regular army into the so-called security zone, the disarming of Hizbullah and safeguards for the officers and men of the South Lebanese Army.

Although Assad did not endorse Netanyahu's scheme, it remains as a standing and potentially constructive offer insofar as the prime minister is concerned. The apparent fact that Middle

East peacemaking is no longer an American diplomatic monopoly was borne out in Netanyahu's comment that King Hussein and President Mubarak are using their influence in the Arab world "in a tireless effort to advance the peace

THERE IS much more to all this than a change in the dramau's per-

It is better for two disputing parties such as Israel and Syria to negotiate bilaterally than for each of them to play for the good graces of a superpower like the US.

In simple human relations. when two persons argue directly

with one another they usually stick to the issues. But if there is a go-between, mediator or moderator, they may end up more interested in making points with him or her than in burying the hatchet. In any case Secretary of State Christopher is evidently about to leave the Clinton administration and retire from public life. His successor will probably not take office until after the US presidential election. This could deny the

secretary of state until the end of this year. And Mubarak and Hussein? They may well have been driven by the awareness that diplomatic intervention by Russia and France is in the offing, and that these countries' designs on the Middle East could be considerably more ambidous than those of seemingly altruistic America.

Middle East a shuttling American

The writer is with the Chicago-

POSTSCRIPT R

ANIMALS ARE being blameo by firemen for more than two dozen fires in Tokyo over the past

Rats were responsible for 15 of

the fires, four were caused by pet dogs and cats, another four by birds and cockroaches and one by a spider. Fire broke out at a night club after rats chewed through an

electric cable above the ceiling.

In another incident, four pet cats playing near a kerosene stove knocked over cardboard boxes setting a warehonse ablaze. Even a spider caused a fire by spinning its web inside a cooking stove. The web caused a gas leak

that resulted in fire. One time, cockroach droppings ignited in a microwave

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US entrepreneur joins IAI to develop satellite program

The Jerusalem Post Wednesday, August 7, 1996

TEVE Wilson, a California tion stations clear pictures of business executive, has a vision: At the turn of the objects only about one meter in size, such as a passenger car. century, Israel will have eight The images, collated in aerial satellites orbiting the earth and will be the world's commercial

leader in mapping the planet, in pinpoint detail.

The 48-year-old president of

Core Software Technology, his

blond hair pulled back into a

ponytail, is an unreserved admirer

has achieved in the last two years

Wilson's faith in Israeli exper-

tise is so strong that he has staked

much of the future of his small

Pasadena-based company on a

joint venture with Israel Aircraft

If all goes as planned – and the obstacles posed by American and

Israeli hureaucracies are formidahle - hy the year 2002, Israeli technology will have produced "a constellation of eight earth-orbit-

ing satellites capable of imaging

any point on earth at least once

At this time, no competing

firms in the US, Russia or France

are likely to challenge this feat,

and certainly not at the low Israeli

manufacturing and launch cost of

\$65 million per satellite, he says. The first of the eight Israeli

remote-sensing satellites is slated

to be launched by a Russian rock-

et in the middle of next year, a second improved one in 1998.

with the remainder in orbit by

These satellites will provide

"high resolution digital imagery

in real time," Wilson says.

Specifically, at distances of 250-

400 km. from earth, the satellites

every day," Wilson says.

What Israeli space technology

of Israeli know-how.

Industries.

is unbelievable," he says.

maps, are "ricb sources of content information," Wilson says. They can be used in crop surveys, mineral and petroleum exploration, environmental assessments, and even in real-estate transactions and property taxation.

Unless the new millennium brings universal peace, the militaries of countries lacking their own spy satellites will use the commercial maps to study terrain and infrastructures of potential

Core Software Technology hrings to the joint venture - very tentatively dubbed EROS for Resources Observing Satellite - its expertise in electronic indexing, storing and dis-tributing millions of images through its global, on-line, lmageNet.

Potentially, the satellite imaging husiness is looking at a \$6 hillion annual husiness in the US alone, and the race to get the best satellites up there first is correspondingly intense.

So far, the technology in the field has been developed mainly through military spy surveillance satellites and, in April of last year, Israel joined a rather exclusive club hy launching Ofek-3, a lowcost, light weight military satellite that has performed beyond all expectations.

Based on reports in US aerospace and defense industry publications, Israeli newspapers, the Wall Street Journal, and an interview with Wilson, two major recent developments have been cited that account for the success of Ofek and the potential impact

of its commercial version, which has spawned enough international intrigue and wire pulling to cheer dedicated conspiracy huffs.

The first is that the US State Department, Pentagon and CIA have put heavy pressure on Israel to keep out of the commercial satellite imagery business. One line of argument has been that since Israel developed its satellite technology with the belp of American aid funds, it would be unfair to use that know-how to compete with American firms.

That particular argument has been refuted by Ha aretz (and other sources), which revealed that Ofek-3 was developed with South African, rather than American, subsidies. When President Nelson Mandela assumed office, he terminated the

Secondly, the Israeli government has failed to support the commercial satellite program, partially due to US pressure, and because of some reluctance by Defense Ministry officials to allow IAI to mix military and

would that have been all right?

We need to look at the child

himself. Why is be doing this?

What need does it fill? Maybe

he's not succeeding socially in

see what's happening inside the

child, what made him do these

things. We want to address more

The intention here is to try to

As a result, IAI was not allowed to launch a standby Ofek-type satellite for commercial use last year, which would have given Israel a big jump on its competi-

Perhaps more damaging in the long run is that IAI has not been permitted to exploit its military satellite technology for commercial purposes, a "dual use" appli-cation followed in every other

country, Wilson says. For instance, CIA Director John M. Deutch recently announced that the agency's spy satellites will now focus on environmental threats, such as erupting voicanoes and shifting desert sands.

Lacking both government sup-port and dual use capability, Wilson says he fears that the Israeli space program is entering world competition "with one arm tied behind its back."

Wilson says he hopes Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu's administration, with its declared purpose of achieving economic independence for Israel, will play a more active and supportive role

for the space program.

Meanwhile, Wilson says, he has raised \$20 million on Wall Street and in private capital to seal the joint venture agreement with IAI's Space Technology Directorate. He is now raising an additional \$80 million to finance the first phase of the EROS project.

His faith in Israel and admiration for the country's technology remain unshaken, he says. The entrepreneur is married to a sabra from Tel Aviv, has bought a house in Jaffa, and now, he reports, he has his "own phone number and Internet station" in Israel.

"Israel is the most remarkable experience of my business life,"



Miami is a rapidly changing city, and the city's historically vital black residents are feeling squeezed-out by the exploding Hispanic population.

Miami's black population faces hard times

T'S been a century since Miami was born out of an Luneasy alliance between whites and hlacks, when the very first vote to incorporate the city was cast by a black man.

That salt-scarred, tropical village has now grown into a booming international center of trade and tourism.

The black community, however,

is being overshadowed. People born in other countries, primarily Hispanics, make up 62 percent of Miami's 358,548 residents. Whites account for 12 percent while blacks make up 24 percent. In surrounding Dade County, Hispanics make up 58 percent of the 2 million resi-

dents. The city "couldn't have come to where it is without Latin contribution," said Jose Lima of the Greater Miami Convention and

Visitors Bureau. In its early years, Miami relied on blacks to help huild its homes, hotels and stores. They also heiped construct Henry Flagler's Florida East Coast Railway, which opened up South Florida and the Keys to development in

the early 1900s. The city made its transition from a seaside village on July 28, 1896, when 200 white men gathered at a room above a pool

Bound by a law requiring at least 300 votes for incorporation, they did something unheard of in a time when most blacks were routinely denied the right to vote in the US: they asked more than 100 black laborers to cast ballots. The first y te recorded was that of black laborer Silas Austin.

By the min of the century. hlacks made up 43 percent of the city's electorate. But it wasn't until the 1960s that they got access to Miami's white beaches. universities, schools and city san-

"I remember when my mom and I used to ride the bus to the city and my mother couldn't try on hats or clothing at-department stores," said Adora Obi Nweze, president of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People's Dade County

Then, as blacks struggled to get equal rights, more than 200,000

Cubans made a mass exodus to Florida after Fidel Castro took

"Coincidentally the civil rights movement and the Cuban revolution happened at the same time but collided in South Florida," said University of Alabama history professor Raymond Mohl, who specializes in race relations.

"It is even more complicated now because hlacks and other minorities have to compete for housing and residential space." Hispanic workers have almost

entirely taken over johs in tourism and unskilled labor. "Here we are, in 1996, having traveled this far and now there's a sore spot between the African-American community and the Hispanic community," Nweze said. "We still don't have an eco-

nomic base." For the Laun population, family-fueled husinesses have taken off in Miami with everything

from Cuban cafes to ice-cream

"Hispanics came here with the same opportunities the Irish or the Italian or the blacks had," said Herb Sosa, a first-generation Cuhan-American who owns Babalu, a Cuhan heritage bou-

tique in trendy South Beach. And yet the neighborhood, the site of race riots in 1980, is still pocked with the problems of that decade. Buildings are dilapidated. Garbage fills gutters. Break-ins and drug peddling are common-

"During the 1960s, black areas hoomed with mom-and-pop stores, big-name musicians like James Brown and communityshared capital," said State Representative James Bush. Today, African-American com-

munities don't have capital to share. There are drugs and crime in the community and businesses are being red-lined."

How can I get the kids TOW do I get my children

when they refuse to do so? What's the final stand a parent should take when she is being tested in this area? Should I react differently when it's an agreed-upon task and when it's something I ask them to do spontaneously?

to carry out their respon-

sibilities in the house

Binya Cohen, parenting group leader, responds:

I suppose you already told them that the bouse belongs to all of ticipate in its upkeep.

The process you use to decide which tasks are done by whom is important. If you have three children, for example, sit them down and say, "There are three things that need to be done every week folding the laundry and setting and clearing the table." Then try making a joh chart so that the tasks rotate each week. Rotation

seems very fair to children. Children also need to see that there is a consequence for everything they do; that they're responsible and they can control the result.

Suppose you would like your child's bedroom to be tidied and the child just doesn't want to do it. You need to know your child's weak spot. My kids love that nighttime tuck-in and it's worth it to them to put in the effort to get it. So I might say something like, "I'm afraid of coming in and stepping on your toys at night. I'm really sorry, I'd love to give you a good-night kiss, but I really don't want to break your toys. I know how much you like for me to come in and kiss you good-night. It's such a

With some children, a "Come, I'll help you," often gets results. You want to find a way of being

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PARENTING

replies:

beyond obedience.

to do their chores?

on the child's side, rather than against her. If your child's job is to get the

day's mess off the table and set up for dinner and she hasn't done it, you could say, "I'm very sorry but I baven't got anywhere to put dinner. Maybe Daddy and I will have dinner in our room and you can fend for yourselves. If the table if ready by seven, I'll be happy to put dinner on." You must agree ahead of time with your spouse if you use this approach. If you carry through once or twice, this

will work. However, remember that the idea is not to get into a struggle. You're striving for cooperation. The "do it because I say so" approach often leads children to rebel, not cooperate.

This approach involves changing the whole way you think. At first it will feel false, but eventually it turns into second nature and then it really works. Start small with johs that don't create a fuss. For example, you might decide it's someone's joh to make a cake every Friday.

On December 27, you printed a question and answer regarding a kindergarten child taking money from his mother's purse and distributing it to his classmates. You suggested that the child distribute something else like cookies, but as I see it, the problem is not one of teaching him to distribute some other gift. We need to ask why a five-yearold is taking things from his mother's purse when he knows he shouldn't.

Why does he not obey and respect property? Had he distrib-uted something other than

than the symptom - stealing - and get down to the cause. Once we know why the child acted as he did, we can act from money without permission,

different directions. You are right, it doesn't much matter what he's passing out if it is done without permission. But not Olgi Baharal, experienced nursery and kindergarten teacher, telling his parents that he would What you say is legitimate and hike to share something with his has merit and many homes do classmates may be a sign that he educate in this way. I saw the may not feel comfortable doing problem here as something

Of course, the child needs to understand that there are limits and that we don't take other people's money. But then we need to move to the positive. Taking money from his parents is an expression of a need or a problem that he can't express and we're trying to help him with that prob-

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Agrexco privatization may take two years

PLANS to privatize Agrexco. Israel's largest agricultural exporter, could take up to two years to implement, the company

said yesterday.

Managing Director Shlomo
Tirosh is keen to see Agrexco put
into the producers' bands; they currently hold a 25 percent stake in the firm. Agriculture Minister Rafael Eitan gave his consent to the privatization plan on Monday.

The government currently holds 50% of Agrexco shares, with Thuva and the producers' boards both having a 25% share.

The government's shares would be sold in bundles to the various producing organizations or regions. It is still unclear how the govemment as a wbole will react to the suggestion, but Tnuva Managing Director Arik Reichman said yesterday the cooperative will consider the issue and work according to its ioterest.

"My duty is to work for the shareholders, to safeguard assets, or to sell them at a suitable price; we were inactive partners and will consider our position," he said.

Agrexco appears disappointed that neither the government oor Tnuva have invested in the company and merely acted as voting shareholders.

If the privatization goes ahead, there could be more room for growers to export independently. However, Agrexco said yesterday is believes there will remain distinct logistical advantages in exporting via the company.

In the 1995 to 1996 season, Agrexco's turnover reached \$650 million. The feeling in the company is that, once fully privatized, Agrexco can maintain that size turnover or even increase it.

The privatization proposal will oext be considered by the Government Companies Authority.

US hopes to launch first PA industrial park by fall

THE US wants the first Palestinian industrial park to be under construction before the Cairo economic sum-November, US Undersecretary for Trade Stuart Eizenstat said last night.

During the last full day of his visit to Israel, Eizenstat drew attention to the economic plight of the Palestinians, cast doubt on the immediate creation of a regional bank and commented on the Israeli government's economic reform pro-

Regarding the negotiations to set up industrial parks in Gaza, Eizenstat said Palestinian Authority Chairman Yasser Arafat and Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu had agreed to the first of these being set up entirely within the Gaza strip, alongside the border at Karni.

Netanyahu indicated this week the park could straddle the Gaza-Israel border, Eizenstat said, but added he favors the first phase being built entirely in Gaza, with a second section in Israel possibly being added

During a meeting with National

Infrastructure Minister Ariel Sharon, Eizenstat said he got assurances that the necessary water and electricity supplies for the park would be in place as soon as possible.

"This will help create jobs and give a jump-start to the industrialization of the territories," Eizenstal said. The US has set aside \$6 million for the project and Israel has pledged

Action is urgently required in the territories, according to Eizenstat. "There is profound pessimism in the Palestinian business community," he said. "My visit to the territories has dramatized for me the gravity of the economic plight of the

Plans for a Middle East Development Bank may not be realized this year, Eizenstat said. While the White House supports establishing the bank, which would take the lead in funding large infrastructure projects, Congress seems unlikely to agree to giving \$52m. before the US elections in November.

Industry and Trade Minister Natan Sharansky that a group of US businesspeople will visit Israel before the Cairo summit to offer advice on liberalizing the economy.

The US supports Netanyahu's program of budget cuts, fiscal discipline, deregulation and privatization,

Israel should serve as an economic role model for other developing countries, he continued, and urged it to further open its telecommunica-

"If Bezeq can compete in India and the former Sovier Union, it can

stand competition here in Israel." During the meeting with Sharansky, Eizenstat complained again about the size of the US share of Israeli imports (19%). With all the help the US gives, israel still cannot find a way to increase purchases from the US, he said.

In response, government officials pointed out that imports from the US grew in the first half of 1996 by 27%, or \$0.68 billion, in comparison to the same period last year.

BUSINESS BRIEFS

Amendment would cut benefits to non-priority areas: "Approved investments" in places which are not defined as oational priority areas will from now on get only a two-year tax exemption instead of four years, according to an amendment to the Capital Investments Encouragement Law approved by the Knesset Finance Committee yesterday. The amendment, which is meant to increase the relative advantage to investors of putting up their plants in development areas instead of in the cenier of the country, will come up for its second and third readings in the plenum at a special session scheduled for next week.

The change was decided on by the previous government last December. Due to the early elections, however, the government succeeded in getting the bill only through its first Knesset reading.

Conditions for rail and port workers to be discussed: The pension and tax rights of Airports Authority and Ports and Railways Authority workers will be discussed by a joint committee set up by the ministries of Finance and Transport, together with the Histadrut. During a meeting on Monday night, Transport Minister Yitzhak Levy told Histadrut Chairman Amir Peretz he has no intention of privatizing either authority.

Commercial turnover down by half: The growth in commercial turnover slowed to a monthly average of 0.4 percent from January to May, the Central Bureau of Statistics said yesterday. This compared to a growth rate of 0.7% a month in the second half of 1995 and 1.0% in the first half. Turnover grew by 10% last year, the annual rate so far this year is 4.8%.

Scheme to help jobless start businesses: Unemployed people in Haifa will be encouraged to open small businesses in an experimental scheme launched this week by the National Insurance Institute. NIS 1.3 million will be invested in the project. Those interested will attend a three-month course while continuing to receive unemployment benefits. During a further six months participants will receive advice on and financial help for setting up small enterprises. If the experiment proves successful the scheme will be launched nationally.

Seven thousand new immigrants found jobs in industrial factories in the last three years, according to the Manufacturers Association. This absorption took place in conjunction with the Jewish Agency.

Representatives of leading Israeli companies are scouting for more employees throughout the world. The professionals being sought would come from the engraving, welding, tool operating and electronic engineering industries.

Study forecasts investment growth in eastern Europe

PRAGUE (Reuter) - New infrastructure projects should boost a surge in foreign direct investment (FDI) in reforming eastern European economies which have already become top global FDI destinations. according to a study by Germany's Dresdner Bank.

In a study of post-Communist Europe, Dresdner economist Mark

Piazolo said FDI, which has surged in recent years, would still be con-centrated in the economies seen as most developed - Hungary, Poland and the Czech Republic.

The total stock of FDI in Hungary amounted to one-fourth of GDP at the end of 1995, only slightly lower than Malaysia (29 percent) and significantly higher than in

Mexico and China," the study said.
"With 13% and 14% of GDP, the Czech Republic and Estonia attracted Asian levels of FDL"

Foreign direct investment is key to economic reform in these countries as it not only brings in new capital since financial markets in the region are underdeveloped - but also technology and know-how.

Piazolo said the Czech Republic would probably pass Hungary as the most attractive FDI destination in the region this year and next with expected new flows of \$3 billion

in 1995. Poland and Hungary each should attract about \$2b, for each of the next two years, after getting

each year, up from just over \$2.5b.

\$1.134b. and \$4.41b, respectively

After major telecom privatizations in Hungary and the Czech Republic last year, new FDI in Eastern Europe will also be targeted at energy, road, rail, and airport construction.

"Even politically sensitive projects, such as toll roads, are no

MINISTER

(Continued from Page 1) hours he is in his office huddling with Bardugo, who ran for Knesset but failed to win a seat.

One day, virtually the only meetings listed on Levy's schedule were a session with a Jewish. millionaire from Australia who gave money to the Likud, and a photo "session with the Government Press Office.

Consultations on substantive issues are rarely held, sources say. Foreign Ministry deputy director-geoerals in charge of the various regions are being forced to make decisions on their own: alternately, the must make excuses to foreign governments as to why they cannot answer questions - the reason being that they rarely have direct access to their own minister.

Furthermore, Levy turned down a meeting this week with a visiting US official, who foreign ministers always see.

It remains unclear bow many foreign ministers Levy will meet with when he attends the UN General Assembly session this September.

While Shimon Peres was renowned for meeting close to a 100 foreign officials during his annual UN visits as foreign minister, during Levy's previous tenure between 1990-1992, he refused to see more than a handful on each trip.

During Levy's last stint as foreign minister, his counterparts

abroad hailed his political moderation on the peace process. European ministers reportedly liked the fact that he spoke French and took them seriously, while they received at best second billing to American officials

in the Prime Minister's Office. So, while he may have the talent, it is not clear if he is willing to devote adequate energy to his

SYRIA

(Continued from Page 1) "Syria...could not be fooled by unserious talk which Netanyahu is trying to market through his claims about the resumption of talks," Tishreen

Today. Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak will hold talks with Syrian Presideot Hafez Assad as part of beightened Arab coordination on the Middle East peace process.

The meeting in Alexandria is the latest in a series that followed Netanyahu's election in May.

Egyptian Foreign Minister Amr Moussa told reporters yesterday that Mubarak and Assad "will give special attention to the Syrian and Lebanese tracks in light of the possibility of resuming talks ... based on trial balloons linked to movement on the Lebanese track," a reference to the "Lebanon first" plan.

LEVY

(Continued from Page 1)

headed by Netanyahu's foreign policy adviser Dore Gold. In a television interview last night, the premier backed Gold's diplomatic

Diplomats also complained about Gold's visit to Washington last week, even though US-Israel relations bave always been controlled by the Prime Minister's

There were efforts yesterday to reduce the tension. Acting Ministry Director-Foreign General Eitan Bentsur told diplomats that instead of going to the media with their criticism, they should forward their complaints

Last night, Bentsur and Gold spoke by phone and each promised to act responsibly and work closely together in the

Meanwhile, Netanyahu phoned Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak last night and briefed him on his visit with King Hussein in Amman.

It is said to be important to Netanyahu that Egypt not get the impression that Israel is asking Amman 10 be a mediator between Jerusalem and Damascus, and that it be clear that the US will be



A Bonn T-shirt shop displays a dummy with a mask of Germany's Finance Minister Theo Waigel yesterday. The T-shirt sports a drawing of chancellor Helmut Kohl laying on his desk.

PM, Meridor, Frenkel in pivotal talks today

DAVID HARRIS

PRIME Minister Binyamin High on the agenda is thought Dan Meridor and Bank of Israel Governor Jacob Frenkel are today scheduled to hold their third and possibly final meeting to discuss structural changes in

the economy. The three will be joined in the Prime Minister's Office by senior officials from the Treasury and Bank of Israel.

The meeting was to have taken place two weeks ago, with the cabinet coosidering the propos-als before the end of July. No reasons were given by Netanyahu or Meridor for the

The discussions are likely to focus on deregulation rather than privatization, the responsibility for which has now passed from the Treasury to the prime minis-

Netanyahu, Finance Minister to be the demonopolization of the Israel Electric Corporation, Bezeq, Egged and Dan.

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Other issues believed under consideration include allowing provident funds to bave greater freedom to invest abroad and making such activity taxexempt, looseoing restrictions on bosiness investments outside Israel, and enabling Israeli companies to register on a larger number of stock exchanges

worldwide. The Histadrut is fighting the proposed reforms and threatening further strike action. The labor federation argues that privatization and demonopolization would lead to widespread unemployment. However, Meridor says the changes will eventually benefit the workforce and the economy as a whole.

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NEW Dimension Softwares' secthe only mediator on the Syrian ond quarter net income dropped 67 percent to \$130,903, compared with \$402,221 in the corresponding \$##.0000 22/3 Feet #4/2 period last year, the company announced yesterday.

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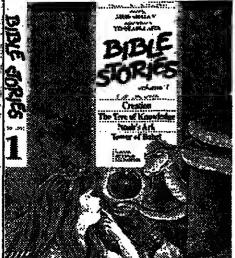
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Itzhak Zion, adding that the decline

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A 12% decrease in second quarter sales in Europe and a 54% drop in the rest of the world, caused second quarter revenues 10 fall from \$9.2 million last year to \$8.86 in 1996. However, the revenues from sales of enterprise products as a percentage of total new product sales reached 37% in the second quarter.

The Tel Aviv-based company's Nasdag-traded shares were up from \$18.50 to \$18.75 in early morning

New Dimension Software is a vendor of integrated software solumanage data center production flow end-to-end. The company's CON-TROL products are designed to help users effectively manage pro-

ELBIT Vision Systems Ltd.'s second quarter net income for 1996 increased \$10,000 compared to a loss of \$23,000 for the same period

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Jossef Barath, president and CEO, said "We are pleased with our second quarter financial results.

Our growth reflects the growing acceptance of our products and technology by the textile industry." Elbit Vision Systems designs, develops, manufactures, markets and supports automatic vision inspection and quality monitoring systems, including systems for the textile industry.

The company's systems are designed to increase the accuracy. consistency and speed of the detection and identification of defects in the manufacturing process in order to reduce labor costs, improve product quality and increase manufac-

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Two-Sided index

STOCKS indexes rose nearly 1.5 percent on optimism that compaoy earnings will show streogth and on trading that followed Israeli shares on Wall Street.

timistic aboot company reports that started today with Agan and Ytnog," said Ephraim Steinbruch, analyst at Ofek Securities. Closely watched issues that rose on Wall Street Monday and

"It's New York, plus we're op-

io Tel Aviv yesterday include Teva, Tadirao, aod Nice Systems. The Two-Sided Index elimbed

1.35% to 183.77, while the Maof Index jumped 1.37% to 194.31.

Aeross the exchange some NIS 70.5 million of shares traded. Advaocing issues and decliners were about even.

Maof index

The most attractive stock was Bank Hapoalim, up 0.4% 00 NIS 4.6 million of shares traded.

In New York on Monday, Nice soared 4 1/16 to a life-high 24 5/16 while yesterday the stock leaped 10% here. The company sold an initial offering of 2m. American depositary receipts at 10 io January.

Teva added 17/32 on Wall St. Monday to 321/2 and yesterday it rose 2% here. Koor added 1/2 on Wall St. Monday to 16% and fellowed it up with a a 1.5% rise here yesterday.

Koor subsidiary Tadiran, rose 1 on Monday to 22% and tacked on 5.8% here yesterday.

Agan Chemicals rose 4.5%, while Ytung advanced 0.5%.

Euro bourses pause, dollar steady **WORLD MARKET ROUNDUP**

LONDON (Reuter) - European stock markets paused for breath yesterday after recent gains, although weakness io the fraoc prompted the Paris bourse to slip more than shares in other key

The Loodoo stock exchaoge ended with little oet change and Frankfurt was up a little. Wall Street, which often sets the European treed, followed Mooday's small loss with a drop of around a third of a percent while European markets were open.

Market analysts said investors were likely to cootinue cashing in profits for oow after US blue-chip shares advanced 4.5 perceot last week as fears of higher interest rates ebbed.

"Primarily the market is consolidating from sharp week and I think it will give back a little more," said Stanley Nabi, vice chairman at Wood Struthers & Winthrop in New York.

On a currency market enjoying more of a summer full after Mooday's flurry of activity in the Swiss franc, the dollar regained some of its recent losses but was below its highs in the afternoon. Thin summer tradiog exaggerated some moves.

Currency traders said a stronger-thao-expected 1.2% rise io June German industry orders, after news that seasonally adjusted jobless figures fell 5,000 in July, cooled speculation on lower German interest rates and capped the dollar's rise.

Traders turned their attention. to this week's US Treasury quarterly refunding auctions, starting with \$19 hillion of three-year notes later yesterday.

Dealers said demand at the anctions could he disappointing after last week's bond market rally and Japanese interest was likely to be poor, which could unsettle the dollar.

The French franc, meanwhile, suffered after a quarterly survey to July showed industrial demand was weak, capacity utilization fell and producer prices eased. It slipped to 3.4045 against the mark from 3,3971 a day earlier.

For the secood day in a row the French central bank declined to commeot oo market talk that it had intervened to buy francs.

On the Paris bourse, investors duly took profits after recent gains and traders said the market showed signs of "August syndrome" - a lack of interest and a fixation on holidays.

Freech shares lost around 0.7%. Trade, already dull, was interrupted briefly near the close after technical problems.

A four-day advance oo Lonrket. Europe's biggest, ran out of steam as profittaking on Wall Street and losses io pharmaeeotical shares ontweighed strength in banks.

Banking stocks gained from a Barclays share buyback. Barclays interim results topped expectations and its shares hit record levels, ending up 27-1/2 peoce to

But drug maoufacturer Zeneca, whose profits met analysts' forecasts, saw its shares tumble 20 to 1,431 as speculation oo a a merger faded. British Petroleum shares - which earlier hit a record 610 pence - ended up seven at 603 after it reported a 23% rise in quarterly profits.

Loodoo markets await the Bank of England's quarterly inflation report today, which analysts expect to reaffirm its opposition to further interest rate cuts.

German shares edged higher, led by bank stocks, although market sentimeot was muted as traders caught their breath after several days of gains and summer holidays limited volumes.

Dow closes up 22 points WALL STREET REPORT

NEW YORK (AP) - Stocks · much of the session in negative turned mostly higher yesterday, territory. But returning to the but held near opening levels for the second straight session as investors found few incentives to bid the market higher after last

week's sharp advance. On Wall Street, the Dow Jones industrial average added 21.83 points to close at 5,696.11, having recovered from a morning deficit of 26 points as interest rates held firm in the bond market despite a profits continued to evaporate. flood of oew government debt

turned higher after speodiog

cautious trend that preceded last week's rally, the gains were largely concentrated on bine-chip and other more established companies.

In the four sessions before Monday's 51/2-point dip, the Dow had charged 245 points higher as July's market-jolting worries about ioflatioo aod corporate

NYSE volome totaled 347.23 million shares as of 4 p.m., vs. Broader market measures also 303.77 million in Monday's sluggish session.

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IF they didn't know it before last night. Betar Jerusalem and the rest of Israel now know as a fact that the soccer played near the arctic circle is of far superior quality to that seen in our warmer climes.

Betar was taken to the cleaners by Bodo/Glimt and the visitors' display of athletic, yet economical soccer earned them a welldeserved 5-1 win over the host

The Jerusalemites thought they were going on a summer afternoon stroll when the match started out They did not try to blitz their opponents, as they did against Floriana of Malta in the previous round. Obviously thinking that the hear and humidity would overpower the Norwegians, Betar appeared prepared to bide their time, waiting for the visitors to

The collapse began in the 23rd minute, but it was the Betaris who began floundering all over the

The Jerusalemites' walking-pace style of play played right into Bodo/Glimt's hands - or rather feei - when Stig Johansson pounced on a loose ball on the edge of the area to drill it low and hard past lizik Kornfein in the Betar goal.

The Jerusalemites were stunned, and the 9,000 supporters, including at least one Norwegian and his two daughters attending the match, were also left speechless. This was not the way things were supposed to happen, at least not according to the script written by the home team.

But if the first goal was supposed to awaken the boys in yellow and hlack and make them play a little faster and with some more commitment, it did not happen. They obviously didn't know how to improvise when the script goes

in a terrible short-passing game that appeared to be played by something akin to a group of tor-

Betar kept giving the ball away

Results of UEFA Cup qualifying round first leg soccer matches yesterday:

In Olomouc: Sigma Olomouc (Czech Republic] 1, Humik Krakow (Potand) 0 (haiftime 0-0). Scorer: Mirstav Beranek (78th mn). (UEFA closed the game to spectators as punishment for a disruption at a Sigma Olomouc game in 1992).

In Solia: Slavia Solia (Bulgaria) 1, Tirol Innsbruck (Austria) 1 (0-1). Scorers: Slavia - Vesselin Tossev (76th), Tirol Richard Kitzbichter (32nd), Attendatos: 4,000. 12 2.2 In Bucharest: Rapid Bucharest (Romania) 1, Lokomotiv Sotia (Bulgaria) 0 (0-0). Scorer: Simion Mironas (75th). Attendance: 18,000.

In Kosice: FC Kosice (Słovakla) 0, Celtic

(Scotland) 0. Atlandence: 9,000. In Helsinki: HJK Helsinki (Finland) 2, Chernomorets Odessa (Ukralne) 2 (0-2). Scorers: HJK – Mika Lehkosuo (56th), Kalie Lehtinen (65th). Chernomorets – Serguai Mizine (35th), Vladimar

solitine (44th). Attendance: 1,250. in Toilisi: Dynamo Toilisi (Georgia) 2, Molde (Norway) 1 (2-0). Scorers: Dynamo Toilisi – Kakhi Gogishaishviii (13th), Alexander lashviii (19th). Molde Ole-Erik Slavrum (66th). Attendance:

in Moscow: Dynamo Moscow (Russia) 1, Jazz (Finland) 1 (1-1). Scorers: Dynamo Moscow – Andrei Kobelyov (18th min).

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of \$5 million and \$6 million.

Bullets re-sign Howard

draft. Terms of the pact were not disclosed.

Lemieux to sit out World Cup

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the \$10 million Rodman had demanded.

SPORTS BRIEFS

Free agent Dennis Rodman signed a one-year contract Monday to

The Bulls did not announce terms of the contract. But Rodman's

agent, Dwight Manley, on Sunday said it was for slightly less than

Rodman earlier said he was insulted by the Bulls' original offers

"We are very happy to have Dennis back for his second year

with us," said Jerry Krause, vice president of basketball operations.

"He had a great season, and we're confident he will be even better

Five days after the NBA rejected his seven-year, \$100 million deal

with the Miami Heat, free agent Juwan Howard has re-signed with

The Bollets signed Howard to a seven-year deal Monday after

agreeing to forfeit their first-round selection in next year's college

"We are very pleased that Juwan Howard will be in a Bullets

Mario Lemieux, still undecided about returning to the Pittsburgh

"In no way should this be construed as a signal that I will not be

playing for the Penguins this year," Lentieux said Monday. "I still

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MONDAY'S AL RESULTS:

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Boston 3, Toronto 1

Chicago 15, Texas 5

Penguins, has ruled out playing for Canada in the World Cup.

uniform next season and for years to come," Bullets general manager Wes Unseld said in a statement announcing the signing.

Bulls sign Rodman for one year

ORI LEWIS

toises. The Norwegians, in case anyhody hadn't noticed, were playing a real game of soccer, running and committing themselves to tackle and had no trouble winning the hall in one-on-one situa-

They moved well into the empty spaces - the Jerusalemites made sure there were plenty of these and speedily made their way into attacking positions which put the Betar goal under serious threat.

Johansson struck for a second time in the 36th minute, as the Betar defense was totally exposed yet again. With three defenders in the back standing in a straight line, the Norwegians had little trouble splitting the cardboard fortifications which Eli Cohen had devised as a secret weapon

The Jerusalemites, try as they might, could not string any moves together. Ronnen Harazi and Eli Ohana failed to create any situauons and when they did have the ball up front, they were dispossessed after getting themselves into a muddle with the Norwegian defense. Itzik Zohar wasted several opportunities to have a bash at the Norwegians goalkeeper Ronnie Vostad.

The two-goal deficit with which the Betaris went into the dressing rooms at halftime was already bad enough. They knew they had their work cut out if there was to be any chance of them advancing to the pool stages of the competition. Sergei Tartiak reduced the

arrears just one minute after the restart, as Betar appeared to respond to the serious talking-to they must have received from Cohen at halftime. He struck a low hard shot from the edge of the area after an excellent through-ball from Yossi Abuksis, who tried very hard for the home team, but try was all he was capable of. Betar's blitzkrieg lasted for just six minutes. They stormed all over

Jazz – Saku Laaksonen (30th). Attendance: 2,500.

In Vilnius; Zalgiris Vilnius (Lithuania) 1, Aberdeen (Scotland) 4 (0-1). Scorers: Zalgiris – Tomas Razanauskas (49th). Aberdeen – Billy Dodds (43rd, 81st pen), Stephen Glass (72nd), Duncan Shearer

In Molodechno, Belarus: Dinamo Minsk (Belarus) 2, Besiktas JK (Turkey) 1. Scorers: Minsk - Vladimii Makovskiy (52nd, 61st). Besiktas - Serdar (60th).

in Riga: Skorito (Latvia) 0, Matmo (Sweden) 3 (0-1). Scorers: Anders Andersson (35th), Niclas Kindvall (60th), Jorgen Ohlsson (80th), Attendance: 1.500.

In Belgrade: Partizan (Yugoslavia) 0, Nabonal Bucharest (Romania) Bucharest 0.Attendance: 2,000.

In Warsaw: Legia Warsaw (Poland) 3, Haka Valkaekoski (Finland) 0 (2-0). Scorers – Piotr Mosor (9th), Ryszard Staniek (27th), Roman Oreszczuk (88th).

In Copenhagen: FC Lyngby (Denmark) 0, Mura (Skovenia) 0. Attendance: 842.

In Larnaca: Anorthosis Famagusta (Cyprus) 1, Neuchatel (Switzerland) 2 (1-1). Scorers: Anorthosis - Costas Stawrou (17th), Xarrax - Alain Vernier (29th), Marek Lesniak (57th), Attendance: 7,000.

Bet. J'lem suffers 5-1 Friedman returns to hero's welcome

HEATHER CHAIT GAL Friedman still has to learn

what being a hero means. Israel's Olympic bronze medalist windsurfer was clearly overdefensive lapse saw Ronar Barik whelmed by the welcome at Ben-Gurion Airport yesterday as he cut through the back line to receive a ball from his brother, and several other members of the delegation returned to an official right. The former Barik made no reception.

the men from Bodo, but it all

petered out when another terrible

Arian Barik, who was clear on the

mistake with his shot Leaving the

floundering Kornfein no chance.

Regardless of the amount of

goals Betar could string together, an impressive tally of three away

goals would now surely be enough for Bodo/Glimt to sit on.

But like a disciplined outfit

which does what it is paid to do,

the all-blue clad Norwegians kept pegging away at Betar. There were

no wild celebrations when they

scored a goal, they just got on with the task at hand. The oext effort

was the finest of the evening.

Again, Ronar Barik took the hon-

ors when he volleyed a superb low

shot from 25 meters which had the

Betar players totally stunned and

the crowd applauding the feat with

The usual staunch home crowd

had finally come to terms with the

humiliation and was now prepared

to sit back and enjoy the total mas-

do something. But the cupboard was bare, they had no ideas, and

more importantly, no commit-ment. The Norwegians, for their

part, took the match seriously until

Zohar tried a pot shot which

hardly tested Vostad in the 72nd

minute and when Jan Derek

Arensson made it 5-1 three mip-

utes later, the traffic jams outside

Teddy Stadium began to build up

Knowing that they had lost all

hope of salvaging this tie, the Betaris continued their walking-

pace short-passing game, and

when they did manage to get into

a scoring situation, tried a little bit

too hard to set up a dead-certain

shot at goal. Invariably the Bodo

players pounced and dispersed the

In Budapest; Budapest Vasutas (Hungary) 3, Barry Town (Wales) 1 (2-1). Scorers; Budapest Vasutas – Zoitean Bukszegi (5th), Gabbor Egressy (42nd), Jozsel Farkas (67th pen), Barry Town – Terry Evans (14th), Altendance: 2,000.

In Helsingborg: Helsingborgs (Sweden)

1, Dynamo-93 Minsk (Belarus) 1 (1-0).

Scorers: Helsingborg – Martin Pringle (45th), Dynamo-93 Minsk – Rodislave Orlovski (48th). Attendance: 8,007.

in Halmstad: Halmstads (Sweden) 0, Vardar (Makedonia) 0. Atlendance: 2,479.

The Betaris continued to try and

tery display by the visitors.

genuine appreciation.

the end.

To greet them were sports officials, family and dozens of schoolchildren from Karkur, where Friedman lives.

The 20-year-old hero was at a loss for words and when called upon to speak, could only manage a few thank-yous before surrendering the microphone to his coach Gur Steinberg.
Steinberg, also unfamiliar with
the limelight, expressed his deep

satisfaction, noting that after the victory, he realized how Friedman had taken on, and beaten, the world's best. "We never felt inferior to any

country," be said proudly, adding, "Gal arrived in Atlanta as well prepared as the best." Deputy Minister of Culture, Education and Sport Moshe Peled, who also returned from Atlanta,

tactfully said that conclusions would be drawn at a later stage based on the performance of the athletes. He hinted that the the squad for Sydney in the year 2000 would "be twice or even triple"the Atlanta delegadon which pumHOMECOMING - Gal Friedman and Yael Arad are greeted by young fans at Ben-Gurion Airport President of the Olympic Committee for making the ges-

> relaxed and sure of her decision to retire from judo.

"I'm very proud of my career, and of my performance in Atlanta. International Olympic I put up a good fight and it's just a

Yael Arad, who returned to

Israel earlier in the week, looked

pity that it wasn't a bit better so I could win." Sharing Friedman's bewilderment was his 16-year-old girlfriend, Michal Peleg, who was flown to Atlanta by his sponsor to celebrate the victory.
When asked how they spent

their ome together, she said without hesitating, "Shopping."

Maccabi Tel Aviv prepares to take on Turkey's finest

Committee of Israel, Yoram

Oberkovich highlighted the

moment during the closing cere-

mony when the vicoms of the

Munich massacre were remem-

bered for the first ome after 24

years and thanked the President of

yesterday.

MACCABl Tel Aviv has the daunting task of trying to save the face of Israeli soccer on Europe's stage lonight when it locks horns with Turkey's Fenerbahce in the first leg qualifier of the European Champions' Cup. A bumper crowd of over 30,000 has been forecast by Maccabi officials for the game that marks the reopening of the National Stadium Ramat Gan after pitch refurbishment.

Victory over the two legs will give the Tel Avivans a place in the lucrative Champions' League, but on paper the pride of Istanbul is from a different firmament and should have little trouble advancing past the Israeli title holders.

Fenerbahce, founded in 1907, is Turkey's most successful side, boasting a massive fanatic domestic following that ensures packed stadia for most of its matches.

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DEREK FATTAL

The country's soccer has been on the rise in recent years, as evidenced by the strong showing of arch rivals Galatasary in the same competition the last two seasons. The hlue and yellow clad Fenerbahce has benefited enormously from the patronage of chairman Ali Sen whose deep pockets have brought world class talent to the club. Sen boasted to reporters after the team landed in Israel on Sunday night that "our aim is not to play in the Champion's League but to become European champions."

In addition to almost unlimited finances, the Turks have a coach of the highest caliber in former Brazilian national coach Sebastio

The Turks will also be boasted by

the addition of Nigerian gold medalists Augustine Okocha and Uche Okechukwa, without doubt the men of the moment. The pair have been flown in especially from the US to play in today's game. The main dangerman for Maccabi is likely to be Bulgarian ace Emil Kostadinov, Fenerbahce's top scorer last season.

Despite the odds, the Tel Avivans are determined to do their best and Eli Driks - who is likely to be partnered by new arrival Ofer Mizrahi in attack - could show some goal trickery of his own at the other end of the park. The match, which kicks off at 7.30 pm, is also a personal test for defenseman Gadi Brumer who is still courting hopes of moving to Manchester United and much will depend on his ability to marshal Maccabi's backline.

Shearer comes home to Newcastle

NEWCASTLE (Reuter) England striker Alan Shearer completed his move to Newcastle United yesterday in a world record £15 million deal. He told reporters and fans: "If

any cluh or supporters deserve success it's this club and hopefully I and the rest of the players can bring it." Thousands of fans wearing

hlack and white club colors packed a large car park at the Newcastle ground in anticipation of Shearer's arrival. Newcastle-born Shearer, who

will be 26 next Tuesday, is due to make his first start for his new club against Manchester United in the Charity Shield at Wembley on Sunday.

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ARAD continues with Si Hyman at the community center at 6 p.m. followed by Alon Olearchik at 10 p.m. The big show is Boaz Sharabi in Giving at the Pool at 10 p.m.; there's Sarale Sharon in Songs at Night at 11:30 p.m. at the Performers Square; and at the Masada National Park at 3 a.m. it's Corinne Allal and guests - plus the most spectacular sunrise NIGUNIM at Merom Hagalil continues at the Baram National Park with a Mediterranean evening of song and dance from guitarist Baldi Olier, the Parvarim, flamenco and folk dancers and others. From 8 p.m.

FILM

ADINA HOFFMAN

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15:30 Vacation Time 18:00 Butterfly Island 16:30 Farmly Relations 18:00 Everything's Open 19:30 All in the Family – repeat of popular local comedy senes with Russian subtities 20:00 A New Evening (with Russian subtities) 20:30 Basic Arabic 21:00 The History Makers 21:30 Mozant on Tour 22:30 Star Trek: The Next Generation 23:15 Mother and Son Mother and Son

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8:00 Sisters (rpt) 9:00 One Life to Live (rpt) 8:00 Sisters (rpt) 9:00 One Life to Line (rpt) 9:45 The Young and the Restless (rpt) 10:30 Days of Our Lives (rpt) 11:20 Perla Negra (rpt) 12:10 Neighbors (rpt) 12:35 Dalias (rpt) 13:30 Starting at 1:30 14:05 Zisters 15:50 Days of Our Lives 16:40 Neighbors 17:10 Deltas 18:00 One Life to Live 18:45 The Young and the Restless 19:30 Local broadcast 20:00 Perla Negra 20:50 Metrose Place 21:40 Sisters 22:30 Sits Stalkings 23:20 Frasier 23:45 Metrose Place 00:35 Robin's Hoods 1:25 Rosie O'Neill

MOVIE CHANNEL (4)

11:30 Beautiful Dreamers (1992) (pt) 13:20 What's New at the Movies 13:35 Blondie Meets the Boss (1939) – Blondie takes over for Dagwood, when he goes on a fishing trip. With Penny Singleton and Arthur Lake. Directed by Prank Strayer (72 mins.) 14:50 The Return (1980) (pt) 16:20 Tho and Me (1992)(pt) 18:05 Special report on new movie Sraser 18:40 A Little Pace of Heaven 1991) an 18-49a-cold views to do somemovie Eraser 18:40 A Little Piece of Heaven (1991) — an 18-year-old vows to do something to make the world a better place and to make sure that his crippled sister has a happy Christmas. With Kirk Cameron (88 mins.) 20:05 What's New at the Mowes 20:25 Mr. Write (1994) (pp) 22:00 The Prince of Tides (1991) — A man arriving from New York to help his disturbed sister meets a psychiatnet who exposes him to his pest Iraumas. With Nick Note and Barbra Streisand, Directed by Barbra Streisand (126 mins.) 00:15 L'Alpaguer (1976, French) — Jean-Paul Belmondo is a mercanary in the pay of the French police on the track of a drug baron called the Hawk (96 mins.) 1:55 The House of the Spirits (1993) — star-studded adaption of Isabel Allende's star-studded adaption of Isabel Allende's novel (ppt) 4:20 The Killing Mind (1990) – a young FEB agent trying to solve a brutal mus-der discovers that she is next on the killer's list. With Stephanie Zimbalist. (92 mins.)

■ CHILDREN (6)

6:30 Cartoons 8:05 Maya the Bee 8:25 Little Dracula 8:55 Blinkle Bill 9:40 Little Monsters 10:15 Simba King of the Jungle 10:50 VR Troopers 11:25 Weird Science 12:00 The Ren and Stimpy Show 12:45 Animaniacs 13:00 Growing Up 13:30 Hugo 14:00 Chiquititas 14:50 Looney Tunes

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SECOND SHOWING (6)

22:00 Movie Makers – documentary series. Part 4: Ella Kazen 23:00 The Arrangement (1969) – an advertising executive decides that his life is meaningless, tries to commit suicide, talls, and begins to act like a rebellious youth. With Kirk Douglas, Faye Dunaway, Deborah Kerr and Hume Cronyn. (120 mins.)

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6:00 Open University 12:00 National Geographic Explorer (rpt) 13:00 Eye of the Dictator (rpt) 14:00 Open University 16:00 National Geographic Explorer (rpt) 17:00 Eye of the Dictator (rpt) 18:00 Open University 20:00 The Wad South 21:00 Causteau 22:00 Desperately Seeking Happiness 22:50 The Wild South (rpt) 23:50 Open University (rpt)

SUPER CHANNEL

6:00 The Selina Scott Show 7:00 NBC News 7:30 ITN News 8:00 Today 11:00 European Money Wheel 16:00 Wall Street Morning Report 17:00 US Money Wheel 18:30 FT Business Tonight 19:00 ITN News 19:30 Portraits of the Century 20:00 Europe 2000 20:30 The Selina Scott Show 21:30 Dateline 22:30 ITN News 23:00 PGA Golf 00:00 The Tonight Show with Jay Leno 1:00 Late Night with Conan O'Brien 2:00 Later with Greg Kinnear

STAR PLUS

8:00 Aerobics 6:30 Nanny and the Professor 7:00 Mr. Belvedere 7:30 Graham Ken's Kitchen 8:00 E! TV 8:30 Gabrielle 9:30 Santa Barbara 10:30 The Bold and the Beautiful 11:00 Oprah Winitrey 12:00 Remington Steele 13:00 Graham Ken's Kitchen 13:30 E! TV 14:00 Teenage Mutant Ninia Turtles 14:30 Black Beauty 15:00 Lost in Space 16:00 Home and Away 16:30 Charles in Charge 17:00 M*A*S*H 17:30 Golden Girls 18:00 Empty Nest 18:30 NYPD Blue 19:30 The Bold and the Beautiful 20:00 Santa Barbara 21:00 The Twilight Zone 21:30 The Extraordinary 22:30 Picket Fences 23:30 E! TV 00:00 Oprah Winfrey 1:00 Hopperman 1:30 Home and Away 2:00 The Sullivans

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6:30 Bodies in Motion 7:30 Basic Training 18:00 Bodies in Motion 16:30 Special pro-gram before Maccabi Tel Aviv-Fenerbahce game (rpt) 17:00 Game to Order: NBA bas-ketball (rpt) 18:00 Argentine League Soccer 19:15 Special broadcast: Maccabi Tel Aviv vs Fenerbahce – live 21:30 Dangerous Games 22:00 Larger Than Life – sumo 23:00 Game to Order: Eurocup Soccer 00:00 Boxing

EUROSPORT

9:30 Motorcycle Racing: Austrian Grand Prix - the race (rpt) 11:30 Olympic Athletics - the finals (rpt) 12:00 Athletics: IAAF meet, Italy - live 14:00 Triathlon: European Chempionships, Hungary 15:00 Olympic Selections 17:00 Athletics: IAAF meet, Italy (rpt) 18:00 Motor Sport Magazine 19:30 Formula 1 magazine 20:00 Tennis: ATP

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BBC WORLD

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RADIO

WOICE OF MUSIC

6:06 Morning Concert 9:05 Mozart: Serenade in B flat "Grand Partita" K361; Shostakovich: Quintet for piano and strings op 57; Khachaturlan: Violin concertor, Brahms; Symphony no 2 12:00 Light Classical – Auber: La muette de Portici over-ture; Weber; Clarinet concerto no 1; Doopler; Fentasia: pestorale hongroise: Liszt: Fantasie pastorale hongroise; Liszt-Hungarian Finapsody no 6 13:00 Emma Johnson, clarinet - Weber: Clarinet concerto no 2; Milhaud: Concert Duo for clarinet and plano; Pierné: Carrzonetta for clarinet and piano; Ravet. Pavane pour une infante défunte; Tartini: Concertino for clarinet and stringe; Pavel/Beck: Pieces in Habanera defunits; fartini: Concertino for clarinet and strings; Ravel/Beclc Pieces in Habanera style for clarinet and piano 14:06 Encora 15:00 Keys 16:00 Schubert: Fantasy in Fminor for plano 4 hands (Tal, Groethuysen); Hans Zander: Interpretation of Schubert's Winterreise 18:00 Fanny Mendelssohn; Plano trio op 11; Ravet Mirotis for piano; Faurét La bonne chanson song cycle; Dvoralc Slavonic Rhapsody 20:05 (1) Janusalem Symphony Orchestra-BA; Peter Schreier, conductor and tenor, Monika Frimmer (soprano), Cornelia Kalifisch (mezzo), Olaf Bär (barilone); St. Michaelis Choir, Hamburg, Bach: Christmas Oratorio. (2) Baethoven; Piano sorata no 28 (Plavin); Scarlatti: 4 Soratas (Ben-An); Llezt: Sonata no 6 (Derevianko) 23:00 Golden Generation – pianist Alfred Cortot plays Chopin: Ballade no 1 in G minor op 22; Ballade no 2; Etudes op 10 nos 1-9; Ballade no 3 in A flat op 47; Ballade no 4 in F minor op 52

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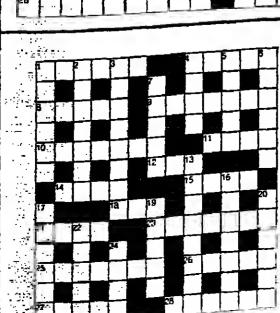
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Coalition MKs suggest alternative budget cuts

A GROUP of senior Likud MKs presented the Treasury yesterday with an alternative proposal for how to achieve NIS 4.9 billion in budget cuts in 1997.

The alternate proposal was prepared by a committee headed by Meir Sheetrit, which included faction chairman Michael Eitan, head of the coalidon in the Knesset Finance Committee Silvan Shalom, social caucus chairman Shaul Amor, and Gesher representative Michael Kleiner.

"We wanted to prevent a clash between the faction and the govemment," Sheetrit explained. "The government's proposal was unacceptable to many of us. I, for one, would vote against the budget cuts if the proposal remained unchanged.

The main element of the proposal is to cut NIS 2 billion from the NIS 8.5b. the government contributes each year to the National Insurance institute's budget, and to force employers to make up the difference. By law, employers are supposed to pay the entire NIS 8.5b., but several years ago, the government decided payroll taxes were too high, and therefore agreed to pay part of the taxes in the employers' stead. However, the law was never amended.

This proposal is almost certain to be opposed by Finance Minister Dan Meridor, who has said repeatedly that eliminating this "subsidy" is another name for a tax increase, which will lead employers to reduce hiring and drive companies with financial difficul**EVELYN GORDON**

ties to close. Sheetrit responded that this problem could be solved by examining employers on a case-by-case basis, and continuing the subsidy for those near collapse - though such a solution would be very difficult to implement, if not

When you give [the exemption] automatically, to those who need it and those who don't, it's just a gift to the rich," Sbeetrit said.

A second proposal is to elimi-nate all NII child and old-age allowances for the wealthiest 10% of the population - people with incomes of NIS 16,000-64,000 a month - unless the recipient could prove real need (for instance, if he had a dozen children to support on NIS 16,000 a month). This would replace the Treasury's plan of culting first and second child allowances in half for people with up 10 three children who earn t-1.5 times the average wage (about NIS-4,500), and eliminating them entirely for people with up to three children who earn more than this. Sheetrit said this proposal would cut NIS 415m.-500m. from the

An additional savings of NIS 300m., which the committee listed as optional, could be obtained by cutting child allowances in half for the next wealthiest 10% of the population, who earn NIS 10,000-16,000 a month, he added.

In place of the Treasury's proposal to charge NIS 10 for each visit to a doctor (unless the family

Weizman: No drop in ID

is very poor) and raise the price of medicines by 25%, the Sheetrit committee is advocating one of two options, either of which, it says, could save the necessary NIS 500m. One is to raise the national health tax by 0.4%, or NIS 4 for every NIS 1,000 earned; the second is to eliminate the income ceiling on the tax. Currently, income over NIS 16,000 a month is not subject to the tax. These proposals might also encounter oppo-

be objects to any tax increase. The committee's fourth proposal is to fine all government-support-ed institutions which exceed legal limits on salary payments - of which, according to the state comptroller's report, there are many - by the amount of the excess payment. Sheetrit estimates that this would save NIS 250m.

sition from Meridor, however, as

The committee's proposal would reinstate the Demobilized Soldiers Law (NIS 150m.), which the Treasury had wanted to repeal, and the NIS 50m. the Treasury had planned to save by postponing the addition of more classroom teaching hours.

Despite this, Sheetrit claimed the total savings proposed by the committee would come to NIS 6.2b. The extra money, he said, would be used to start implementing the long school day in development towns, as the Likud promised in its campaign.

The finance minister has said repeatedly that not all wisdom is located in the Treasury," Sheetrit



Education Ministry workers and women's rights activists demonstrate in the Jerusalem ministry courtyard yesterday against attacks by haredim on women with 'immodest dress.'

Demonstrators call for 'right to bare arms'

CALL it the War of the Sleeves. More than 250 men and women gathered yesterday in the Education Ministry's courtyard to protest attacks by residents of neighboring Mea She'arim on female employees of the ministry whose clothes do not meet haredi standards of modesty.

We have a list of more than 30 wonien who have been attacked in the past six weeks," Jerusalem City Councillor Oman Yekutieli told the crowd. They have been cursed, screamed at, spat upon, manhandled and stoned. Some

have had their cars vandalized. But the fight is not just about a bit of shoulder or a stretch of thigh, the speakers said, "This just one link in a chain that begins with negating a woman's rights over her own body," said City

Councillor Michal Shohat. According to Labor MK Ophir Pines, that chain stretches all the way across lown to Rehov Bar**ESTHER HECHT**

Ilan, which haredim are demanding be closed on Shabbat. MK Naomi Chazan said the fight was not limited to Jerusalem: "Without a free and open Jerusalem, Israel not be free and open.

Womeo employees of the ministry recalled attacks as long ago as five and 10 years ago, but said the assaults intensified when the recent violent demonstrations on Bar-Ilan began.

Simha Yona, 50, said she was attacked though she was wearing a calf-length skirt and a loose T-shirt with a crew neck and elbowlength sleeves.

ly by ministry employees, the Freedom Front - Judaism Withoul Coercion and women's organizations, including Na'amat and the Israel Women's Network.

A 39-year-old neighborhood resident of Rehov Avraham по choice."

Ariel Sharon announced last week

that replacing one section of this

highway would be one of his min-

istry's first undertakings. Former

housing minister Binyamin Ben-

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Slonim Street, where many ministry workers park their cars, said she has tried repeatedly to persuade the women workers to consider the feelings of neighborhood residents and dress accordingly. The Philadelphia-born woman, who spoke on condition of anonymity, said that before the recent violent attacks, the employees would answer back

rudely. "A sign of a Jew is that he has feeling," said the woman, dressed in a long-sleeved housedress, her hair completely covered by a scarf. "This is our neighborhood and we're Just asking them to have

feeling." opposed to violence, the woman made clear she and her neighbors could not restrict their efforts to friendly persuasion. "After we ask them nicely and they say that it's their street as well as mine, there's Forecast: Partly cloudy to clear

AROUND THE WORLD

Winning cards and numbers

IN yesterday's Mifal Hapayis daily Chance card draw, the lucky cards were the nine of spades, ace of hearts, ace of diamonds, and eight of clubs.

In last night's weekly Lotto drawing, the winning numbers were 9, 12, 19, 23, 44 and 46. The additional number was 42.

Vet conference features pet disease diagnosis program

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A COMPUTER program that be presented during the Eighth Congress of the World Association Veterinary Medicine in the Lab, now being held at the Renaissance Hotel in Jerusalem.

Prof. Eitan Bogin of the Hebrew University School of Veterinary Science, which organized the conference, developed the program, which quickly analyzes lab and diagnostic data on common diseases in animals. For the first time, a veterinarian who works with 20 or 30 types of creatures can quickly analyze the information he has for a speedy but accurate diagnosis.

Some 300 specialists from 30 countries are taking part in the conference, which is being run under the paironage of the World Veterinary Health Organization.

"Our generation also had draft dodgers, and I would

day. He cautioned them against relying on generalities about the drop in motivation to serve in the IDF. very highly recommend against making declarations about a drop in motivation. I would recommend being wary of generalizations drawn from one meet-

EVADING military service is not a new phenome-

non, President Ezer Weizman told reporters yester-

Weizman said, reacting to Defense Minister Yitzhak Mordechai's comments at the IDF Induction Center at Tel Hashomer on Monday.

Weizman added that he has met many youths who want to volunteer for elite units.

Weizman made his comments at the brit mila of Ra'am Revi'i, whose parents, Shefra and Ami, were injured in the IDF. Shefra, who has been wheelcbairbound since being injured seven years ago, gave birth by Cesarian section.

The Revi'i's were joined by dozens of other handicapped IDF veterans. Both the president and his wife, Reuma, had aided

Court to sentence officers today

A SPECIAL military court will hold a closed-door sentencing today in Tel Aviv for three officers convicted of negligently causing the death by dehydration of two

soldiers in an elite commando unit. One of the officers being sentenced is the former commander of Sayeret Matkal, the General Ben-Avraham. The defense report-edly will call MK Ehud Barak, a former chief of general staff and commander of the unit, as a character witness, along with top generals, including OC Northern Command Maj.-Gen. Amiram

THE Treasury has refused to allo-

cate funds to improve two major

roads in the Jordan Valley, leaders

of the valley settlements charged,

in an angry letter to Prime Minister

icy of the 'national [camp's] gov-

emment' should ignore the essen-

tial needs of the residents of the

Jordan Valley," wrote David Levy,

"It is ioconceivable that the pol-

Binyamin Netanyahu yesterday.

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Levine and OC Intelligence Maj.-Gen. Moshe Ya'alon.

The case is being keenly watched by most IDF officers as it manifests the growing trend to hold lop unit commanders responsible for each and every soldier under their comcupation with safety regulations is not only forcing the army to delegate more time to precautionary measures, but is also stifling the traditional development of improvisational training.

The military prosecution is seek-

head of the Jordan Valley

Regional Council, and David

Elhayani, chairman of the Jordan

The two said they found the

Treasury's refusal especially

incomprehensible, coming so soon

after their meeting with Netanyahu

last week, at which the prime min-

ister stressed the importance of

improving roads in the Jordan

Valley Settlements Committee.

ing a significant punishment in the court-martial, including a demo-tion and prison term for the three officers, Ha'arerz reported. The IDF Spokesman dismissed the report, saying that the military prosecution's intentions were not made known to anyone.

"The military prosecution's before the special court meeting today," the IDF Spokesman said. The 1992 training accident took the lives of Yaron Bar-Dor, 19, of Jerusalem, and Eran Ofer, 19, of Afula. They died of dehydration while on an exercise in the Negev.

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Valley. They therefore asked him to Transport Minister Yitzhak Levy make it clear to the Treasury that the Jordan Valley roads are a highpriority budget item.

The two roads in question are the Trans-Samaria Highway and the Jordan Valley Highway. The latter has been the site of several fatal traffic accidents recently, and promised an immediate allocation of NIS 10 million last month to fix some of the worst danger spots. However, settlements committee spokeswoman Tami Atiya said this

money never arrived. In total, she said, the planned improvements to this road are

Valley residents demand funding for road improvements Eliezer said the previous government had also considered this proexpected to cost some NIS 30m. The improvements to the Trans-Samaria Highway are expected to be much more expensive, running to hundreds of millions of shekels. National Infrastructure Minister

iect crucial, but had repeatedly postponed it because of the

Atiya said Netanyahu is scheduled to meet with Sharon. Finance Minister Dan Meridor and Foreign Minister David Levy on settle-

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